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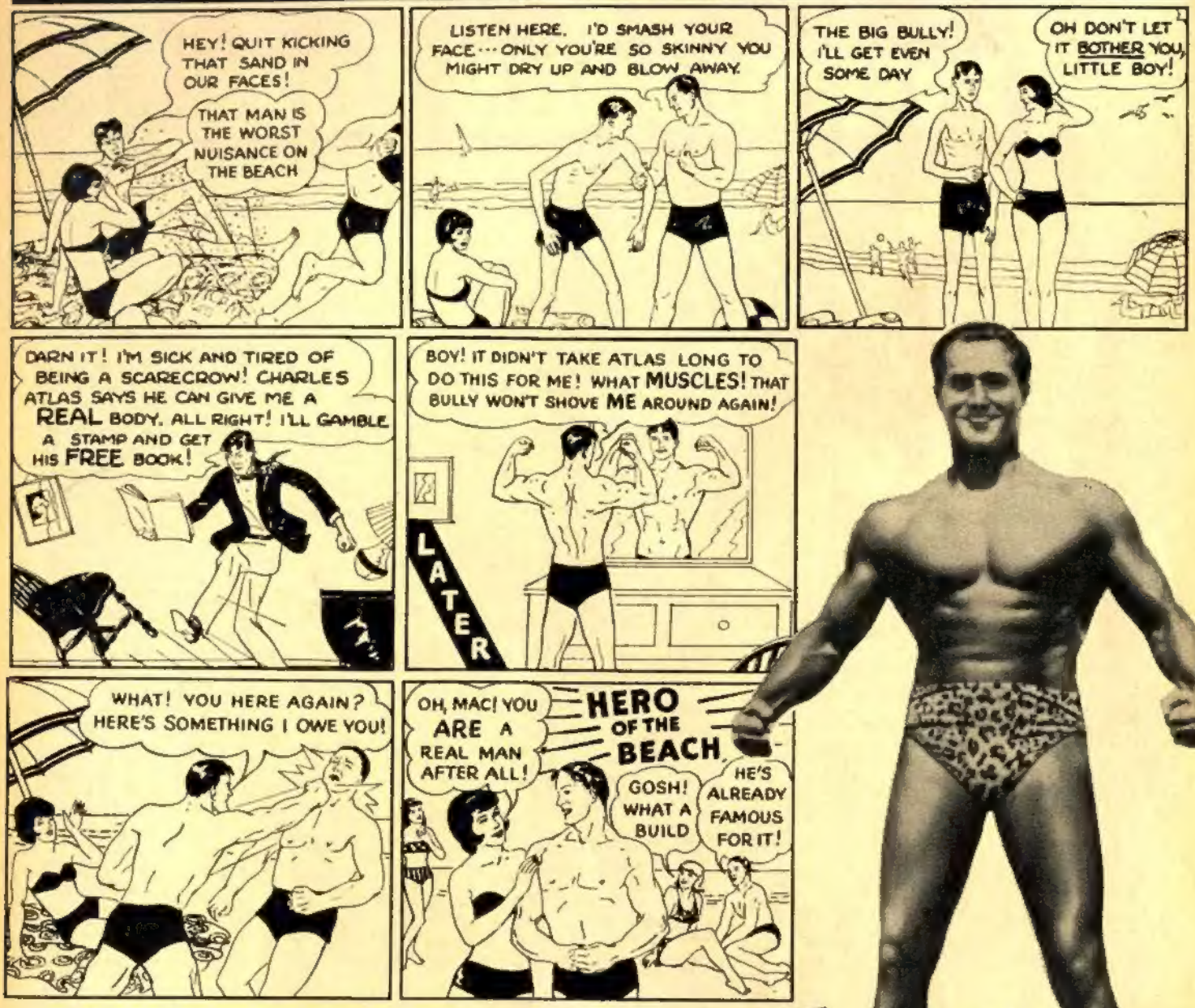
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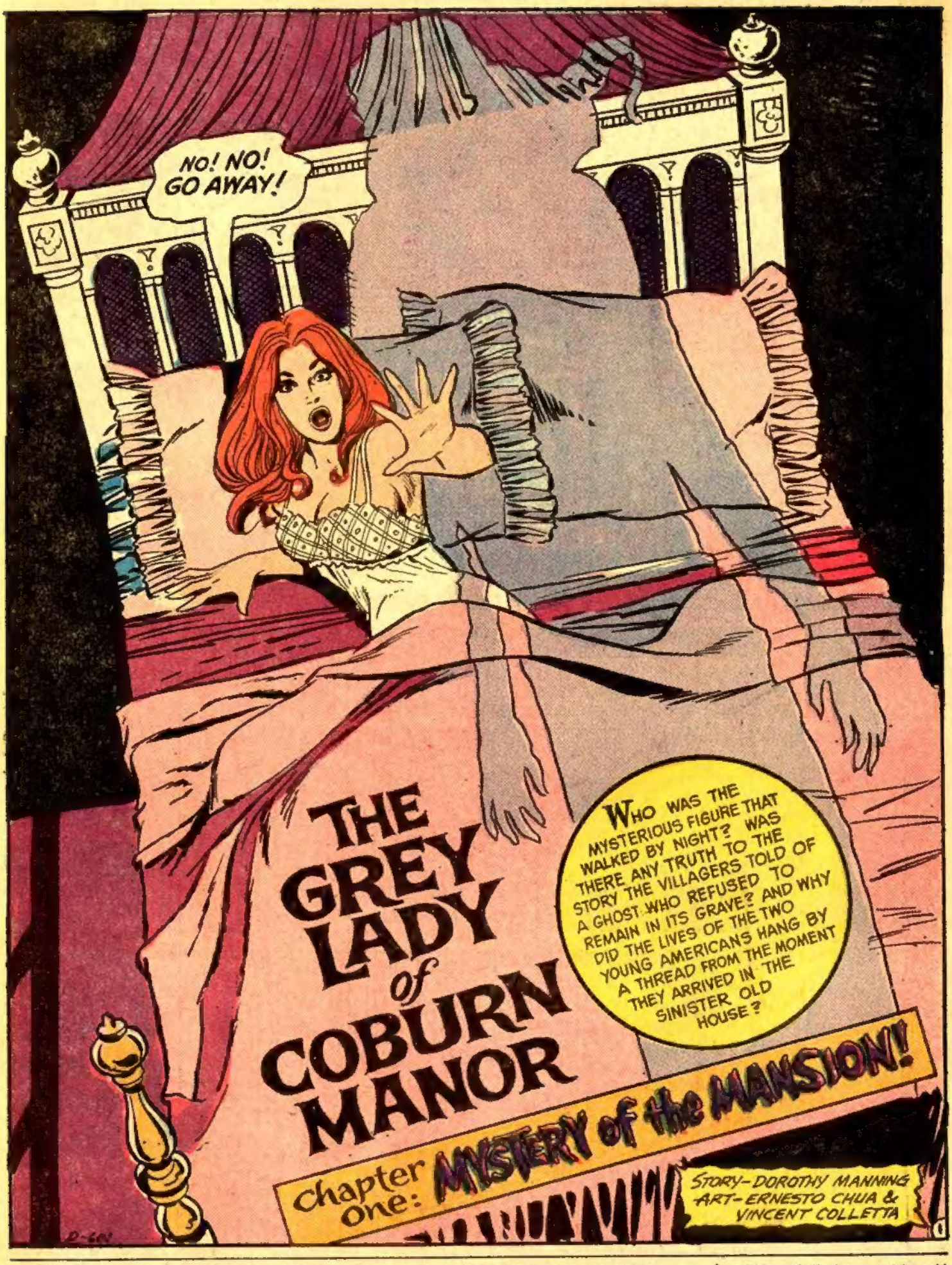
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YOU 'ERE ON BUSINESS?
SO THAT'S WHY WE COULDN'T GET ANYONE TO TAKE US OUT HERE!
THE OTHER DRIVERS SUDDENLY GOT BUSY WHEN THEY HEARD WHERE WE WANTED TO GO.
HIT'S THE- GREY LADY! SHE'S BEEN SHOWIN' 'ERSELF REGULAR-LIKE FOR NINE 'UNDRED YEARS!
SHE'S SOMETHIN' SHE IS!
IF I MEET HER, I'LL THANK HER! WE'RE FROM THE SPELTON HOTELS - AND SHE'S THE REASON WE BOUGHT IT SO CHEAP!
WHATEVER 'APPENED TO THE LAST BLOKE WHAT CAME 'ERE FROM THE SPELTON 'OTELS?
YOU MUST MEAN MacDONALD!
WISH I COULD TELL YOU! IT SEEMS HE JUST UP AND LEFT ONE DAY!
DISAPPEARED, DID HE? THAT'S 'ER, ALL RIGHT! THEY SAY THE KING 'IMSELF 'AD 'ER STRANGLED! IF I WAS YOU, GUVNOR, I WOULDN'T WASTE ANY TIME 'ERE!
SO THIS IS COBURN MANOR!
IT-- LOOKS HAUNTED!
IT WAS THE KIND OF NIGHT TO UNSETTLE ANYONE'S NERVES. THEY RAN UP THE STEPS IN THE PELTING RAIN ...
THERE'S NO ONE HERE!
THERE'S GOT TO BE! THEY'RE EXPECTING US!
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LOOK! UP THERE!
SHE-SHE LOOKS STRANGE STANDING THERE LIKE THAT!
BRIAN, COULD IT BE?
THE GREY LADY? NO WAY! THAT DRIVER REALLY GOT TO YOU!
SUDDENLY...
OH! ER... WE'RE FROM THE SPELTON HOTELS! MAY WE COME IN? IT'S — WET OUT HERE...
COME...
BRR! HE'S HANDSOME, BUT— WEIRD!
WOULD YOU PLEASE TELL LORD WITTLESEY THAT WE'RE HERE?
HIS LORDSHIP HAS BEEN FEELING POORLY LATELY AND HAS TAKEN TO HIS BED. HE CANNOT SEE YOU!
OH! I'M SORRY! I HOPE IT'S NOT SERIOUS!
WHEN CAN WE SEE HIM?
I CAN'T REALLY SAY. PERHAPS-- TOMORROW... OR THE NEXT DAY...
THIS WAY, PLEASE...
OH, LOOK! THE CAT-- IT'S GOING OFF IN THERE...
HERE, KITTY!
DON'T GO IN THERE, MISS!
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WHY NOT? WHY SHOULDN'T SHE?
THE GREAT HALL IS BADLY IN NEED OF REPAIRS! IT MIGHT BE DANGEROUS!
HERE, KITTY, KITTY!
WOW! WHAT A ROOM! IT COULD MAKE A GREAT LOUNGE FOR AT LEAST FIFTY GUESTS!
WELL, THE ONLY GUEST HERE NOW IS—ONE BLACK CAT! HERE, KITTY!
MISS! I WOULDN'T TRY TO TOUCH HIM...
COME TO ME, KITTY! COME ON...
EEEOW!
OHHH!
AS SUZANNE LEAPED BACKWARD FROM THE SPITTING CAT, THE GIANT CAULDRON TORE LOOSE WITH ONE TERRIBLE WRENCH...
MY GOD!
CLANGGG
CRRASH
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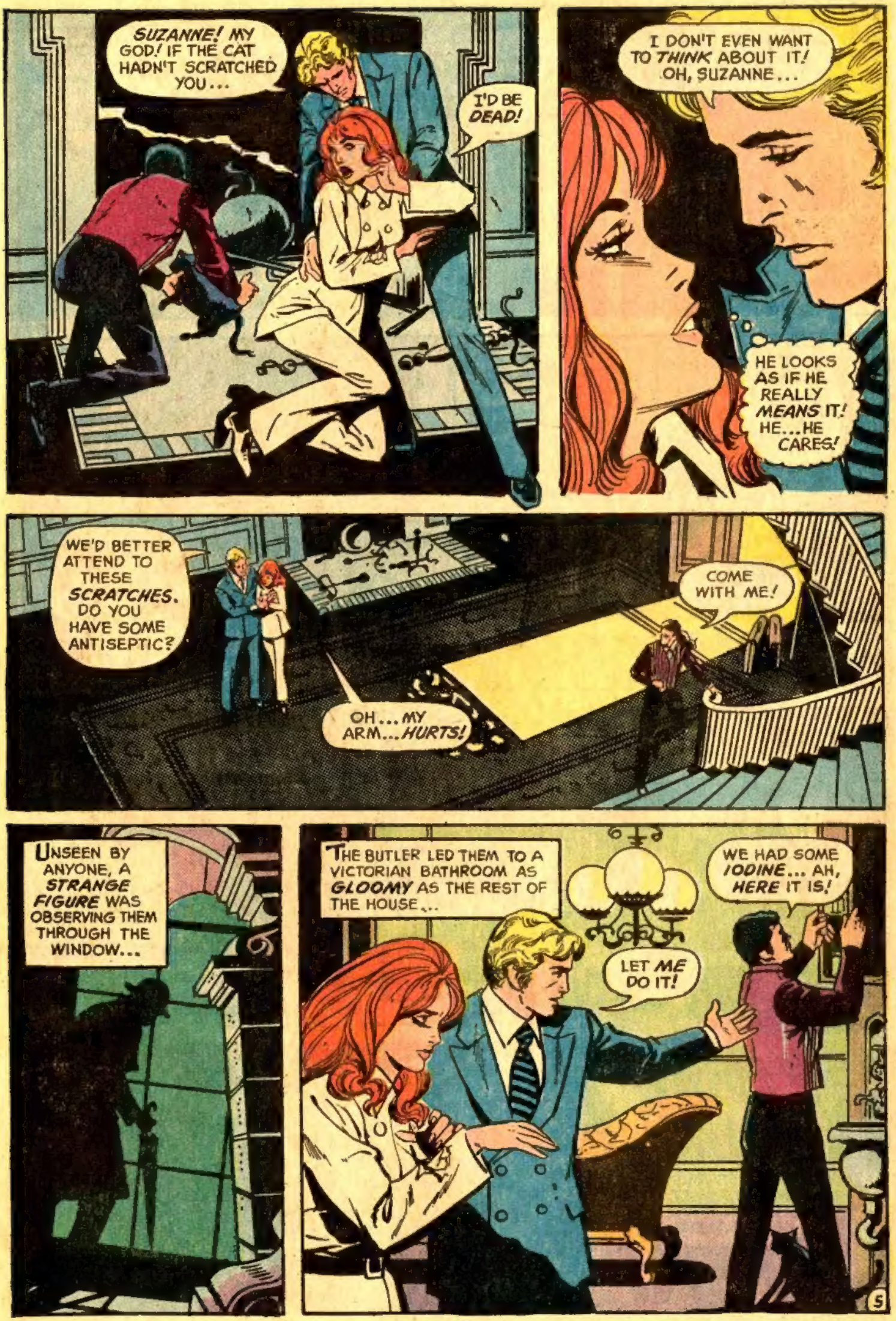
SUZANNE! MY GOD! IF THE CAT HADN'T SCRATCHED YOU...
I'D BE DEAD!
I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT! OH, SUZANNE...
HE LOOKS AS IF HE REALLY MEANS IT! HE...HE CARES!
WE'D BETTER ATTEND TO THESE SCRATCHES. DO YOU HAVE SOME ANTISEPTIC?
COME WITH ME!
OH... MY ARM... HURTS!
UNSEEN BY ANYONE, A STRANGE FIGURE WAS OBSERVING THEM THROUGH THE WINDOW...
THE BUTLER LED THEM TO A VICTORIAN BATHROOM AS GLOOMY AS THE REST OF THE HOUSE...
WE HAD SOME IODINE... AH, HERE IT IS!
LET ME DO IT!
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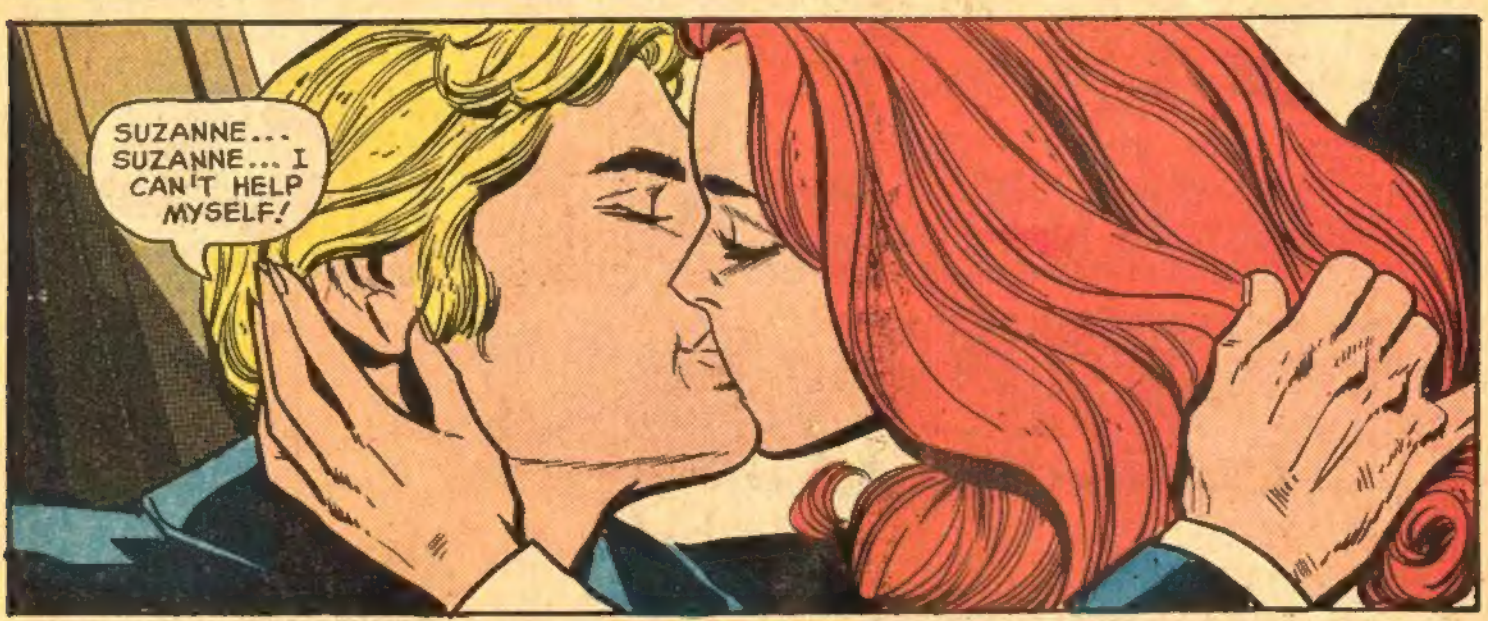

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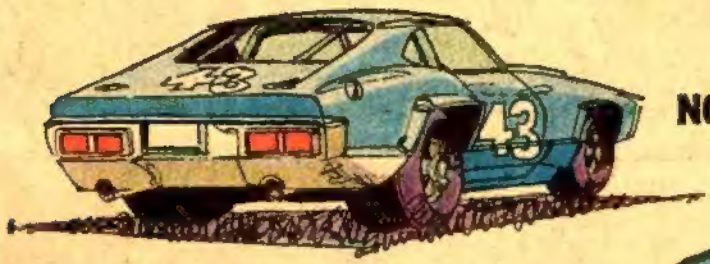

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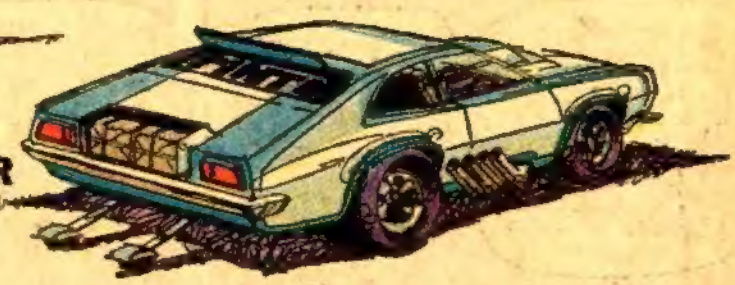

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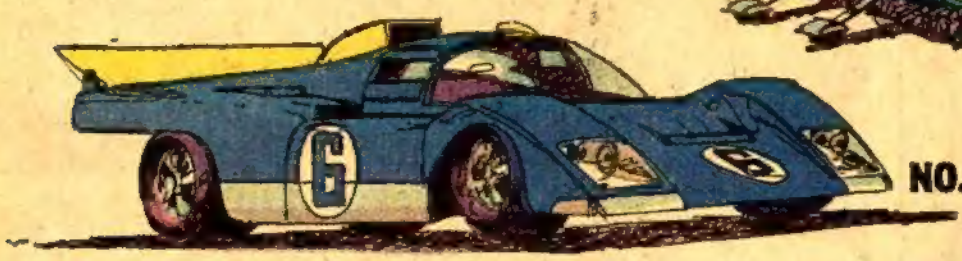

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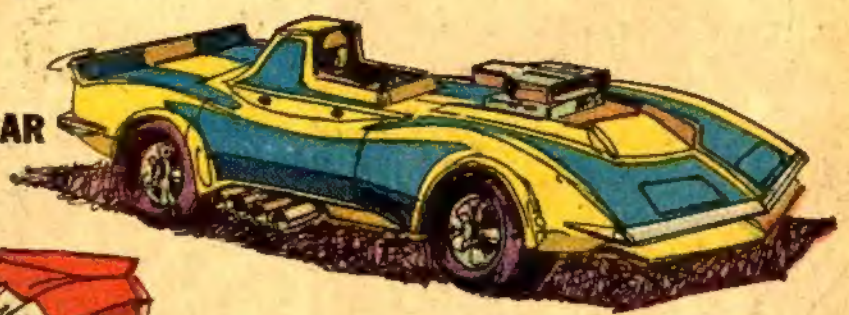

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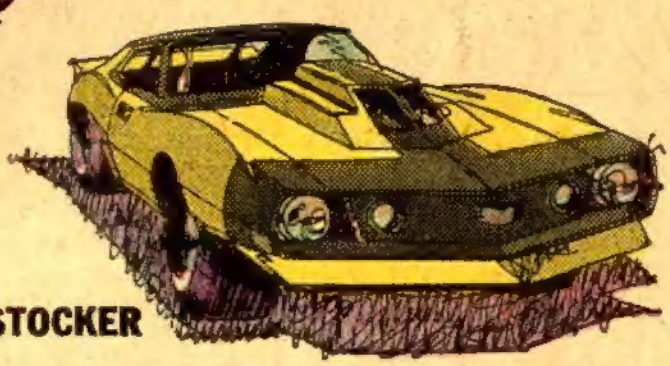

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TOO BAD LORD WITTLESEY CAN'T BE HERE FOR DINNER.
TRY THE MUTTON, MR. STEVENS?
WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE FURNITURE IN THE OTHER ROOMS...?
ALMOST ALL THE FURNISHINGS WERE SOLD BY HIS LORDSHIP MANY YEARS AGO TO KEEP FROM LOSING COBURN MANOR.
BUT IN THE END, YOU SPELTON PEOPLE GOT IT ANYWAY, FOR YOUR... HOTEL.
MR. MacDONALD GAVE US THE IMPRESSION LORD WITTLESEY WAS VERY HAPPY WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS.
MAYBE HE WAS... I AM NOT. BY THE WAY, HOW IS MR. MacDONALD?
WE... ACTUALLY HAVE NOT HEARD FROM HIM—SINCE HE LEFT HERE!
HAVE YOU ANY IDEA WHERE HE MIGHT HAVE GONE?
NO! NO IDEA!
EXHAUSTED FROM THEIR JOURNEY, BRIAN AND SUZANNE DECIDED TO RETIRE EARLY...
SUZANNE DEAR, I CAN'T FORGIVE MYSELF FOR LETTING YOU COME TO THIS DREADFUL PLACE...
...BUT IN A STRANGE WAY, IT'S BROUGHT US CLOSER TOGETHER!
OH, BRIAN, YES!
I'VE NEVER FELT THIS WAY ABOUT ANY MAN...
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IN BRIAN'S ARMS, THE HORRORS OF THE DAY RECEDED WITH A RUSH FOR SUZANNE...
GOODNIGHT, MY DARLING—
FLOATING ON A DIZZYING CLOUD, SUZANNE GOT READY FOR BED...
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! HOW COULD SO MUCH HAPPEN IN JUST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS? HE'S SO... WONDERFUL!
CAN I BE... FALLING IN LOVE? SIGH!
SUDDENLY...
LIONEL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
YOUR DECANTER OF WATER, MISS— SHOULD YOU GET THIRSTY IN THE NIGHT...
PUT IT ANYWHERE AND GO!
I SAID— YOU MAY GO NOW!
GO!
MISS SUZANNE...
VERY WELL!
I CAN'T STAND THAT MAN! THE WAY HE LOOKS AT ME... OHHH!
IF I THINK ABOUT HIM, I WON'T SLEEP!
SUZANNE DID SLEEP, BUT HER MIND PLAYED HAVOC WITH HER REST...
NO— NO, LIONEL! DON'T TOUCH ME!
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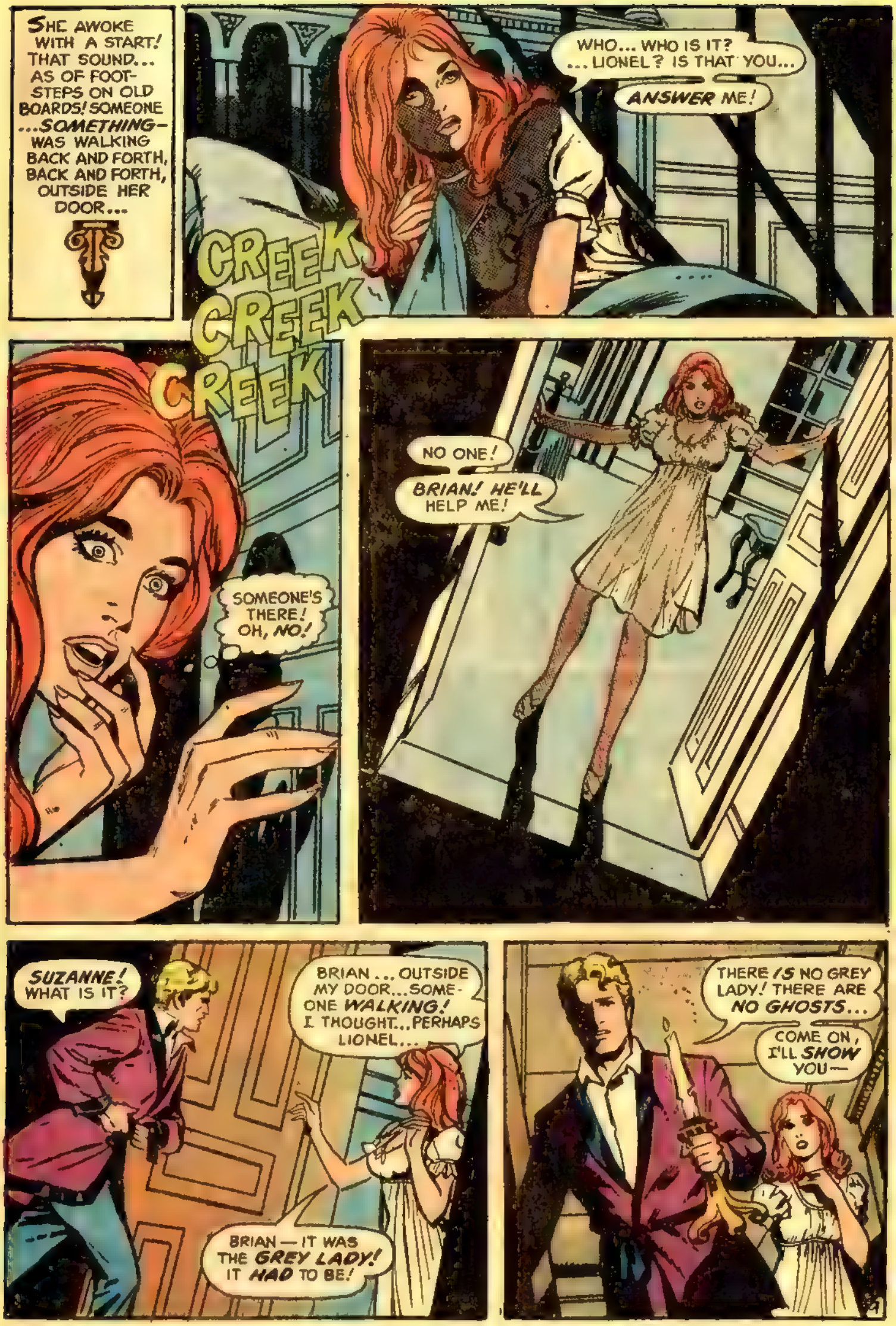
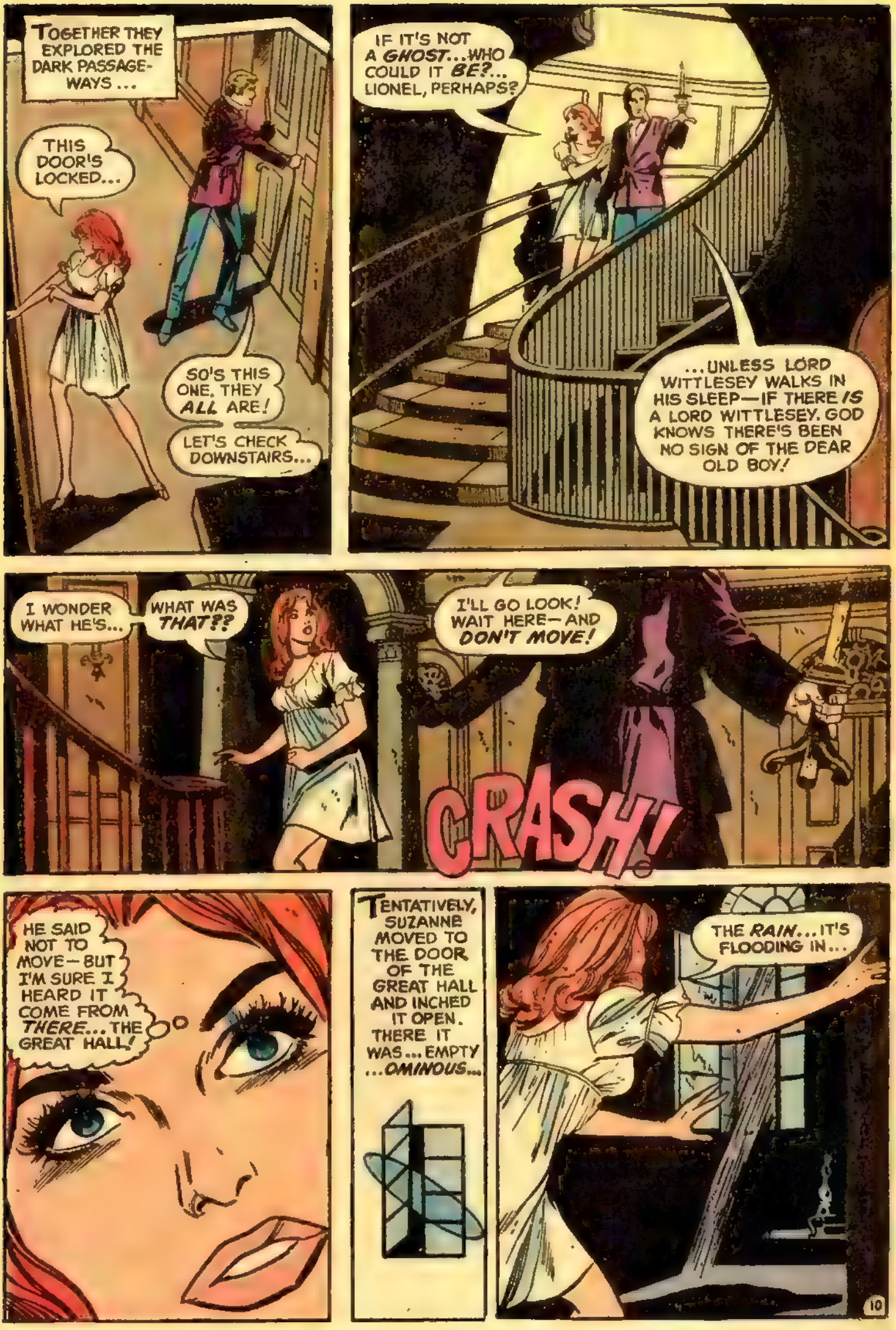

SHE AWOKE WITH A START! THAT SOUND... AS OF FOOT-STEPS ON OLD BOARDS! SOMEONE ...SOMETHING— WAS WALKING BACK AND FORTH, BACK AND FORTH, OUTSIDE HER DOOR...
WHO... WHO IS IT? ...LIONEL? IS THAT YOU...
ANSWER ME!
CREEK CREEK CREEK
SOMEONE'S THERE! OH, NO!
NO ONE!
BRIAN! HE'LL HELP ME!
SUZANNE! WHAT IS IT?
BRIAN ... OUTSIDE MY DOOR...SOME-ONE WALKING! I THOUGHT...PERHAPS LIONEL...
BRIAN — IT WAS THE GREY LADY! IT HAD TO BE!
THERE IS NO GREY LADY! THERE ARE NO GHOSTS...
COME ON, I'LL SHOW YOU—


TOGETHER THEY EXPLORED THE DARK PASSAGE-WAYS ...
THIS DOOR'S LOCKED...
SO'S THIS ONE. THEY ALL ARE!
LET'S CHECK DOWNSTAIRS...
IF IT'S NOT A GHOST...WHO COULD IT BE?... LIONEL, PERHAPS?
...UNLESS LORD WITTLESEY WALKS IN HIS SLEEP—IF THERE IS A LORD WITTLESEY. GOD KNOWS THERE'S BEEN NO SIGN OF THE DEAR OLD BOY!
I WONDER WHAT HE'S...
WHAT WAS THAT??
I'LL GO LOOK! WAIT HERE—AND DON'T MOVE!
CRASH!
HE SAID NOT TO MOVE—BUT I'M SURE I HEARD IT COME FROM THERE...THE GREAT HALL!
TENTATIVELY, SUZANNE MOVED TO THE DOOR OF THE GREAT HALL AND INCHED IT OPEN. THERE IT WAS...EMPTY ...OMINOUS...
THE RAIN...IT'S FLOODING IN...
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AS SUZANNE WENT TO CLOSE THE OPEN WINDOW...
BRRR... IT'S SO COLD IN HERE! WHAT A TERRIBLE NIGHT...
WHILE IN THE CORRIDOR OUTSIDE...
THERE YOU ARE! IT WAS YOU!
EEEEEEEE!
DON'T... DON'T! EEEE!..
EEEEEEEEEEE
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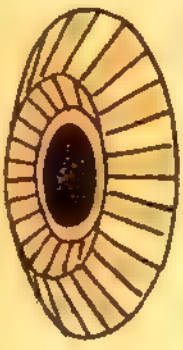
WHO IS LIONEL?... BUTLER OR ...? *WHERE* IS LORD WITTLESEY? *WHO* IS THE MAN IN THE BLACK HAT? *WHO* IS THE WOMAN IN THE WINDOW? *WHO* IS THE GREY LADY? AND IS SHE ASKING...

WHO IS WALKING ON MY GRAVE?

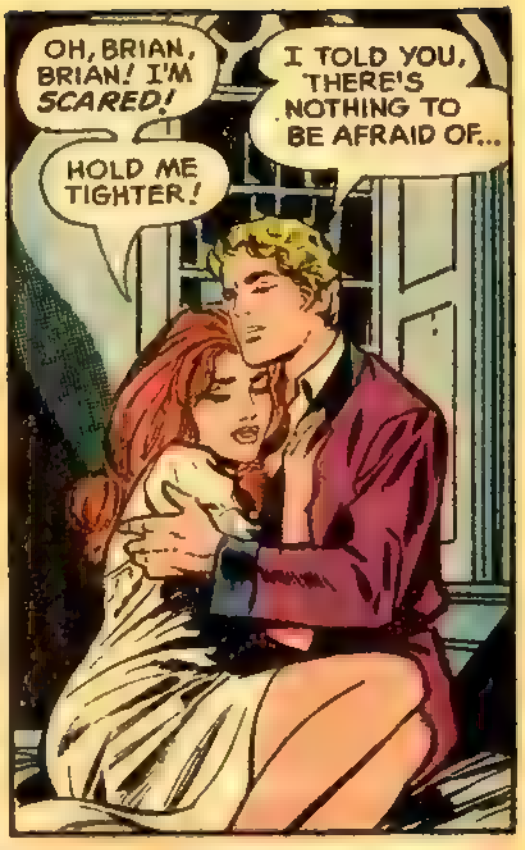
AS BRIAN CARRIED THE LIMP FORM OF SUZANNE UPSTAIRS, HE COULD NOT HELP WONDERING WHAT *LIONEL* WAS DOING ON THE STAIRS...

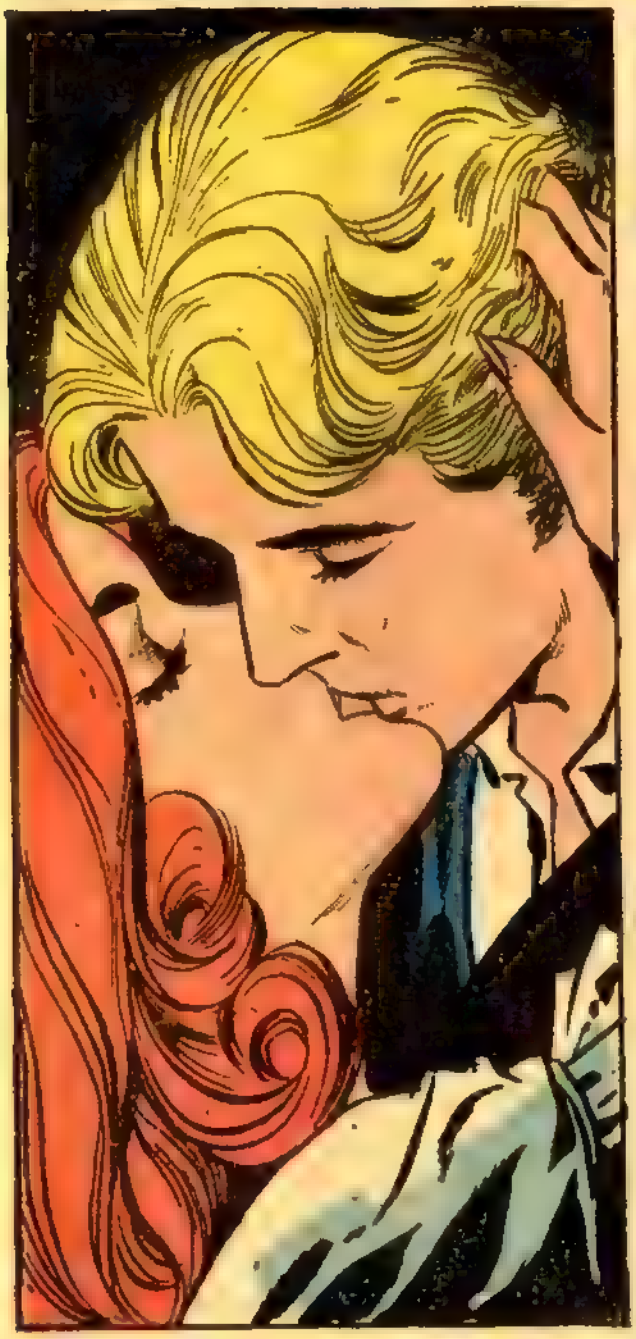


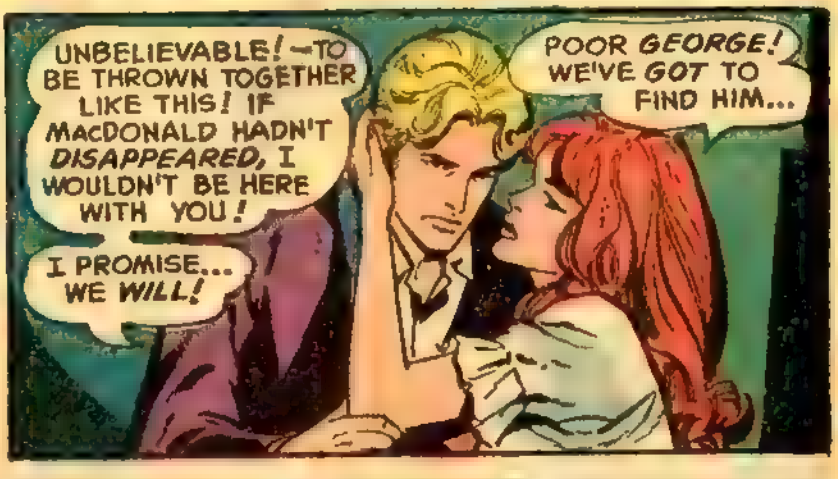
WHEN SUZANNE REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS...
SHE WAS ALL GREY. . *ENORMOUS.* A WOMAN- A HORRIBLE, *HORRIBLE* WOMAN!
HUSH, SUZANNE... JUST BE QUIET, DARLING. *SSSH!*

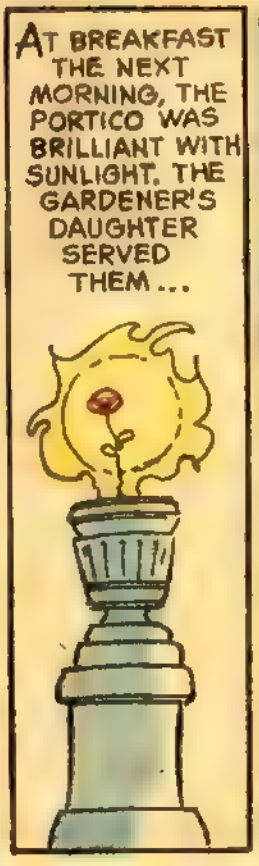
I TELL YOU...I SAW HER—THE GREY LADY! SHE WAS... AT LEAST TEN FEET TALL. SHE CAME TOWARD ME... SHE WANTED TO KILL ME--I KNOW IT!
SUZANNE! YOU'RE IMAGINING IT...

IT WAS THE MOONLIGHT THROUGH THE WINDOW... THE CANDLELIGHT... AN OPTICAL ILLUSION...
BRIAN. IT'S RAINING! THERE ISN'T ANY MOON. I SAW HER!


OH, BRIAN, BRIAN! I'M SCARED!
I TOLD YOU, THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF...
HOLD ME TIGHTER!




UNBELIEVABLE! —TO BE THROWN TOGETHER LIKE THIS! IF MacDONALD HADN'T DISAPPEARED, I WOULDN'T BE HERE WITH YOU!
I PROMISE... WE WILL!
POOR GEORGE! WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIM...

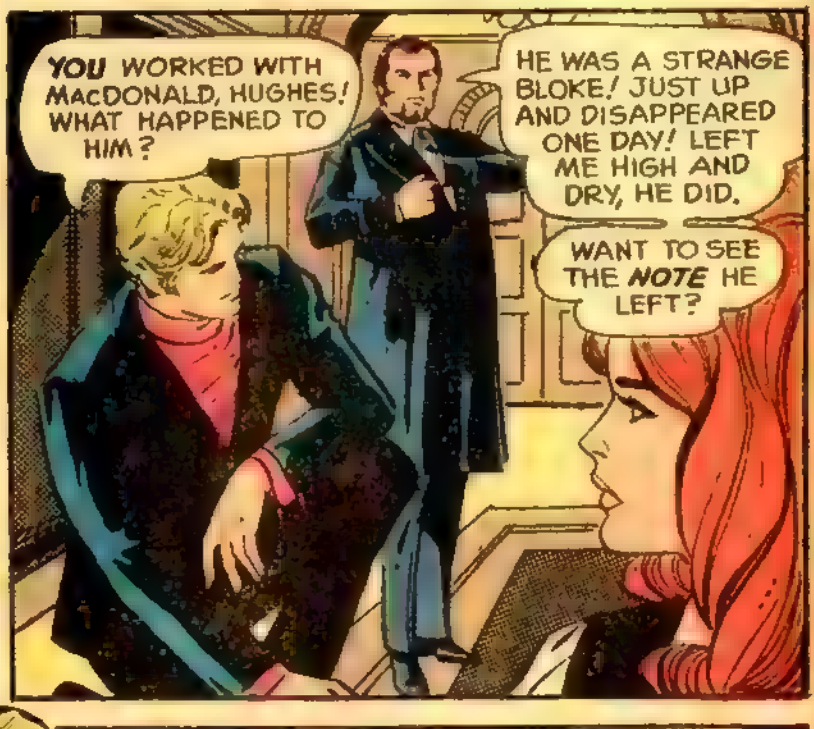

AT BREAKFAST THE NEXT MORNING, THE PORTICO WAS BRILLIANT WITH SUNLIGHT. THE GARDENER'S DAUGHTER SERVED THEM...

MISS WESTWOOD SAYS SHE SAW THE GREY LADY LAST NIGHT. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN HER, JENNY?
THE GREY LADY! NO, SIR—I AIN'T NEVER SEEN 'ER!

THEIR WORK BEGAN— SUZANNE TAKING NOTES AND WRITING LETTERS FOR BRIAN, WHO SPENT HIS TIME POURING OVER BLUEPRINTS, CHECKING MEASURE-MENTS, MAKING PLANS...

FIFTEEN FEET... THE PERFECT SPOT FOR THE BAR, DON'T YOU AGREE, MR. HUGHES?
I'M ONLY THE CONTRACTOR. BUT IF YOU WANT MY OPINION, I'D STAY OUT OF HERE ALTOGETHER, I WOULD!

YOU CAN LAUGH AT THE GREY LADY, BUT YOU WOULDN'T CATCH ME SPENDING THE NIGHT HERE WITH HER ABOUT...
MACDONALD TALKED LIKE YOU AT FIRST..DIDN'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS, HE SAID!


YOU WORKED WITH MACDONALD, HUGHES! WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
HE WAS A STRANGE BLOKE! JUST UP AND DISAPPEARED ONE DAY! LEFT ME HIGH AND DRY, HE DID.
WANT TO SEE THE NOTE HE LEFT?

WHAT DOES IT SAY, BRIAN?
"...I CAN'T TAKE THIS PLACE ANYMORE! BESIDES, I HAVE MONEY PROBLEMS. SO I'M TAKING A BETTER JOB IN SOUTH AFRICA. SORRY TO DO THIS..."

I *CAN'T* BELIEVE IT! GEORGE MacDONALD NEVER DID ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE...

IT DOESN'T EVEN LOOK LIKE HIS *HANDWRITING!*

MEANWHILE, A QUEER, DARK FIGURE WAS SNOOPING ABOUT OUTSIDE THE HOUSE...

OH DEAR... I *DO* THINK SOMETHING IS AMISS THERE...

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WHAT'S THIS? WHAT'S *THIS?* THIS GRAVE HAS BEEN... DISTURBED. IT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN *NEWLY REPLANTED!*

LADY ROSAMINDE MISSENDEN
BORN: 1085 ANNO DOMINI
DECEASED:
GONNE

SUDDENLY, A HUGE SHADOW LOOMED...

"... GONNE TO HER REWARDE..."

WHAT'S THAT?

IN THE SUDDEN UNEARTHLY SILENCE, THE VICAR STRAIGHTENED UP SHARPLY...

BRRR...HOW STRANGE, IT'S ...SO *COLD!*

EVEN AS THE VICAR SHUDDERED IN THE COLD, THE *SHADOW* DIED AWAY...

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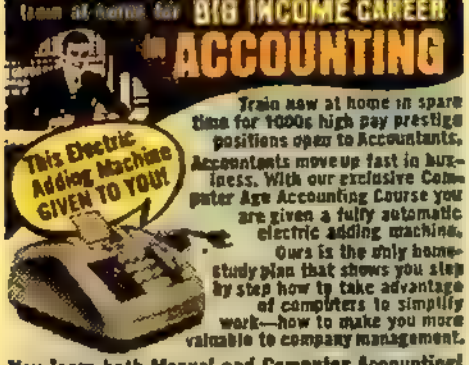

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LIONEL! YOU STARTLED ME!
MAY I ASK WHAT YOU ARE DOING HERE, REVEREND — IN A PRIVATE PLACE, WITHOUT PERMISSION?
DID YOU HEAR ME, REVEREND? YOU... HAVE... NO RIGHT... HERE! NOW GET OUT!
I AM SPEECHLESS AT YOUR DISRESPECT FOR A MAN OF THE CLOTH AND THE VICAR OF THIS TOWNSHIP!
JUST THEN, BRIAN CAME OUT...
MAY I INTRODUCE MYSELF? I AM BRIAN STEVENS OF THE SPELTON HOTELS, THE NEW OWNERS OF THIS PLACE.
AND I AM THE REVEREND WAKEFIELD. DO FORGIVE MY INTRUSION, BUT I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR PREDECESSOR, MR. MacDONALD.
SO AM I! IT SEEMS HE LEFT SUDDENLY FOR ANOTHER JOB... I CAN SEE WHY! THE WAY THINGS HAPPEN AROUND HERE...
YOU MEAN OUR "GREY LADY OF COBURN MANOR"!
HAVE YOU SEEN HER, THEN?
THERE IS NO GREY LADY! IT IS A LIE...
PERHAPS WE COULD TALK ABOUT THESE THINGS AT TEA, REVEREND! LET US SAY... THIS AFTERNOON AT THREE?
A LIE! A BLASTED LIE!
CAPITAL! I'D BE MOST HAPPY TO COME! THANK YOU...
INSIDE THE HOUSE...
WE ARE HAVING THE VICAR TO TEA THIS AFTERNOON! GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS TO ASK SOME OTHER PILLARS OF THE COMMUNITY, WHAT?
OH, YES! I'LL BE VEDDY, VEDDY PLEASED TO PHONE THEM... SIR!
A HALF-HOUR LATER...
THEY'LL ALL BE HERE... LADY DUNHILL, THE RIGHT HONORABLE MERRIAM JONES, ETC., ETC., ETC.!
BEAUTIFUL—YOU'RE A DREAM! TELL LIONEL AND JENNY TO GET A MOVE ON...
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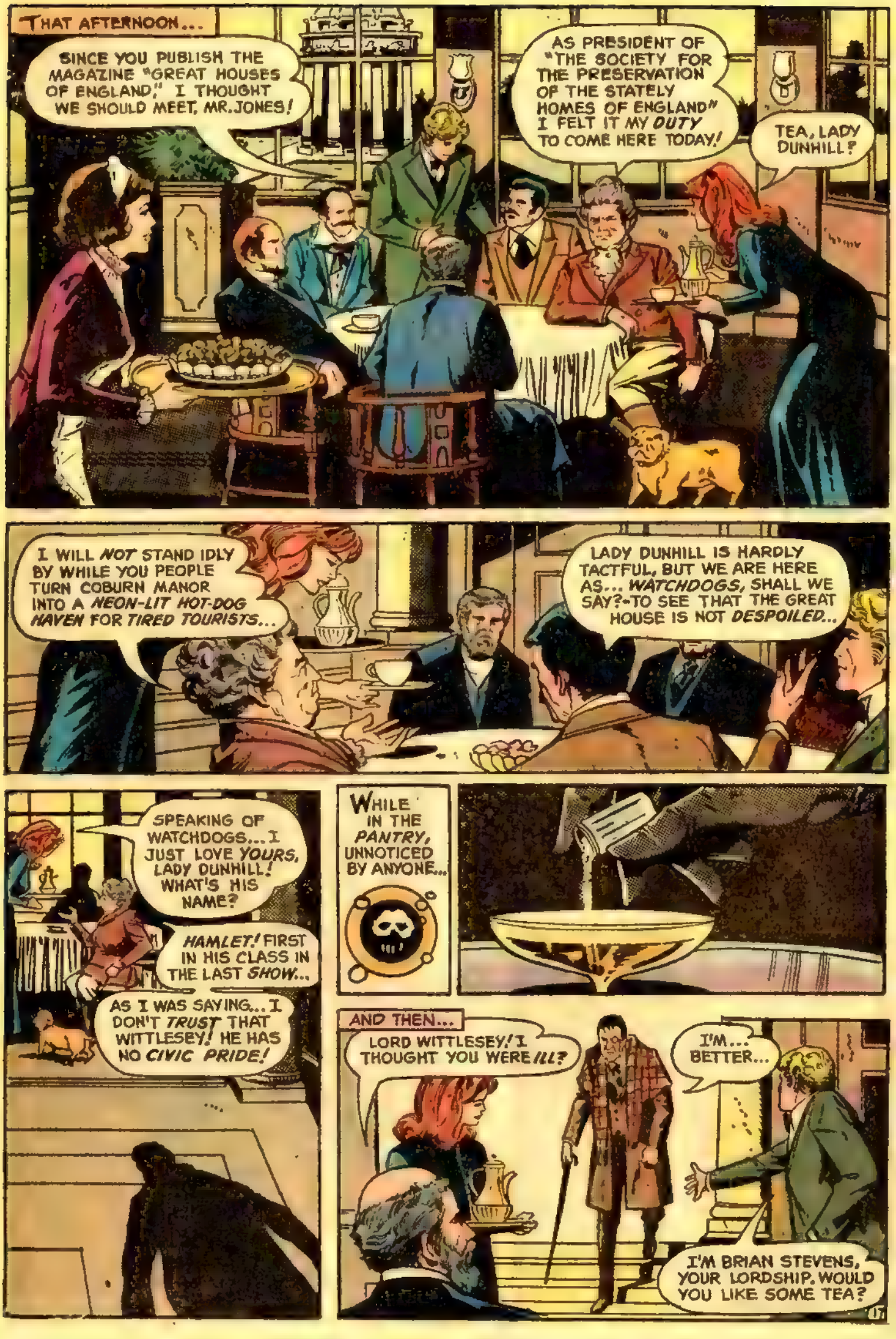
THAT AFTERNOON...
SINCE YOU PUBLISH THE MAGAZINE "GREAT HOUSES OF ENGLAND," I THOUGHT WE SHOULD MEET, MR. JONES!
AS PRESIDENT OF "THE SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE STATELY HOMES OF ENGLAND" I FELT IT MY *DUTY* TO COME HERE TODAY!
TEA, LADY DUNHILL?
I WILL *NOT* STAND IDLY BY WHILE YOU PEOPLE TURN COBURN MANOR INTO A *NEON-LIT HOT-DOG HAVEN* FOR *TIRED TOURISTS*...
LADY DUNHILL IS HARDLY TACTFUL, BUT WE ARE HERE AS... *WATCHDOGS*, SHALL WE SAY?-TO SEE THAT THE GREAT HOUSE IS NOT *DESPOILED*...
SPEAKING OF WATCHDOGS... I JUST LOVE *YOURS*, LADY DUNHILL! WHAT'S HIS NAME?
HAMLET! FIRST IN HIS CLASS IN THE LAST *SHOW*...
AS I WAS SAYING... I DON'T *TRUST* THAT WITTLESEY! HE HAS NO *CIVIC PRIDE!*
WHILE IN THE *PANTRY*, UNNOTICED BY ANYONE...
AND THEN...
LORD WITTLESEY! I THOUGHT YOU WERE *ILL?*
I'M... BETTER...
I'M BRIAN STEVENS, YOUR LORDSHIP. WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA?

I HAVE NOT YET SEEN THE PLANS FOR THIS MONSTROUS NEW "HOTEL", ALFRED!
DON'T SHOW HER A THING, MR. STEVENS... SHE HAS NO RIGHT TO MAKE ANY DEMANDS...
AS HEAD OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION...
LADY DUNHILL! AS HEAD CONTRACTOR ON THIS JOB, I WILL NOT SUBMIT TO YOUR ORDERS...
TEA, ANYONE?
YOUR SHERRY, REVEREND WAKEFIELD?
UMM-M...: RATHER A NUTTY FLAVOR! AMON-TILLADO?
I RATHER LIKED YOUR MR. MACDONALD! HE PROMISED ME AN INTERVIEW FOR THE MAGAZINE—AND THEN ... GONE! WITHOUT A WORD! NICE MAN... PITY!
I HAVE SOME IDEAS ABOUT WHERE OLD MACDONALD MAY HAVE GONE...THAT MIGHT SHOCK SOME PEOPLE!
MORE SHERRY, VICAR?
HOW COZY! THE TEA IS HOT, THE SCONES DELICIOUS—BUT I AM NOT FOOLED FOR A MOMENT... AND I WILL NOT LET YOU RUIN COBURN, MY DEAR COUSIN!
THE SPELTON HOTELS HAVE PAID A GOOD PRICE FOR THIS HOUSE...
I AGREE WITH HIS LORD...HIS LORDSHIP... HIS...

SUDDENLY...
YOU HAVE GONE TOO FAR... I WILL... I... COUGH! COUGH!
VICAR... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
NO WONDER YOU HAVE INDIGESTION... YOU'RE A TRAITOR TO OUR CLASS... A TOOL OF...
FOR GOD'S SAKE, LADY DUNHILL... CAN'T YOU SEE HE'S SICK? HE CAN'T BREATHE ...OPEN HIS COLLAR
GOOD LORD!
VICAR...
CALL A DOCTOR— QUICK!
I CAN'T ROUSE HIM...
I'LL... CALL DR. SMYTHE INSTANTLY...
OH, DEAR... WHAT IS HIS NUMBER...?
WITHIN MINUTES, THE DOCTOR ARRIVED, BUT...
DEAD... HEART FAILURE!
OH, NO!
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THE NIGHTMARE THAT CAME TRUE

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On the night of August 25, 1883, a newspaperman for the *Boston Globe* had a strange dream. In his dream, Edward Samson saw a quiet, green South Pacific island, which was called Pralope.

Suddenly the island changed into one gigantic volcano. It began to rumble ferociously, terrifying the natives in their little villages. Lava rushed out of the volcano. Glowing torrents of the molten rock poured down its sides, burned up forests and swept away whole villages. Fiery cinders rained over the little island, destroying everything in sight.

Then the volcano exploded, causing the sea to boil up.

The island vanished, in clouds of dust and steam. A huge tidal wave spread out from the point of the explosion.

At last the sea was calm. It was as if Pralope had never existed.

Edward Samson was so struck by his vivid dream that he could not forget it. The next morning at his desk in the newspaper office, he found some spare time and wrote down the dream. He stepped away from his desk for a moment, and the editor came by and saw the story. Thinking it was a regular news item, the editor lost no time running it with a huge headline on the front page.

Samson was extremely embarrassed when he saw his dream printed as a sensational news report.

"Sir," he said to his editor, "it was only a *dream* I had last night. But it was such a strange dream that I wanted to write it down."

"Do you realize what a stupid mistake this is?" shouted the editor. "We can't be reporting news that never happened! You're *fired!*"

Edward Samson left, downcast. The next day the telegraph wires at the *Boston Globe* jumped with the news of a huge tidal wave in the South Pacific. There had been a mysterious explosion, the biggest blast in history. As more and more details came in, the editor realized with astonishment that *everything Samson had written had come true!* There was only one difference: the name of the island that had exploded was Krakatoa, not Pralope.

Some days later it was discovered that the ancient name for Krakatoa was Pralope, but the natives had not called it that for a hundred years!

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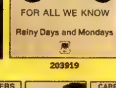

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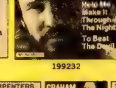

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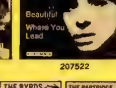

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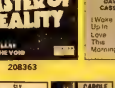

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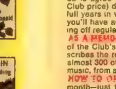

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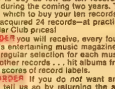

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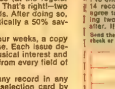

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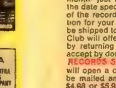

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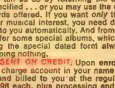

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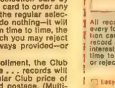

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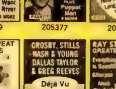

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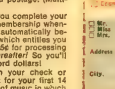

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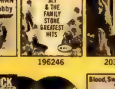

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CHAPTER THREE: THE BODY IN THE GARDEN

I DISAGREE WITH YOU, DOCTOR! I DO *NOT* THINK IT WAS HEART FAILURE AT ALL... I DEMAND AN AUTOPSY AND INQUEST AT ONCE!

I THINK SHE'S RIGHT. OH, BRIAN... WHAT IF IT'S— *MURDER?*

SUZANNE'S NERVE WAS CRACKING. THE REMOVAL OF THE CORPSE WAS ALMOST UNBEARABLE...

BRIAN! THERE'S *SOMETHING* IN THIS HOUSE... THE *GREY LADY... SOMETHING!* IT WANTS TO DESTROY US... I KNOW IT! LET'S LEAVE THIS PLACE! I BEG YOU!

SUZANNE...

DON'T, MY DARLING... DON'T...

BRIAN... HOLD ME. I'M AFRAID...

THE HORRORS OF COBURN MANOR RECEDED WITH A RUSH AS HE PRESSED HIS LIPS TO HERS...

PLEASE! LET'S GET OUT BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

SUZANNE, DARLING! *TRUST* ME. NOTHING WILL HAPPEN TO YOU WHILE I'M HERE. I PROMISE YOU!

THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE VICAR'S BODY WAS LOWERED INTO THE COLD EARTH. ALL SUZANNE COULD FEEL WAS THE GREY LADY HOVERING OVER THEM LIKE A TERRIBLE GREY CURSE — LIKE THEIR DOOM...

AND SO, WE BID FAREWELL TO OUR FRIEND AND MINISTER... AND RETURN HIS REMAINS TO ALMIGHTY GOD...

POOR *VICAR!* I KEEP SEEING HIS FACE WHEN HE DIED! THE GREY LADY... *SHE* KILLED HIM, BRIAN... ⇒SOB!⇐

THANKS TO LADY DUNHILL, WE HELD AN AUTOPSY. WE ***MUST*** HAVE AN INQUEST!

NOBODY WILL BE PERMITTED TO *LEAVE* THE VILLAGE! YOU SEE, THE VICAR WAS *POISONED!*

ON THE RETURN FROM THE CEMETERY...

I HAVE *DEFINITE* IDEAS ABOUT WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR...

STOP... STOP... I CAN'T *BEAR* ANYMORE!... ⇒SOB!⇐ ⇒SOB!⇐

PLEASE, LADY DUNHILL... MISS WESTWOOD IS TERRIBLY UPSET!

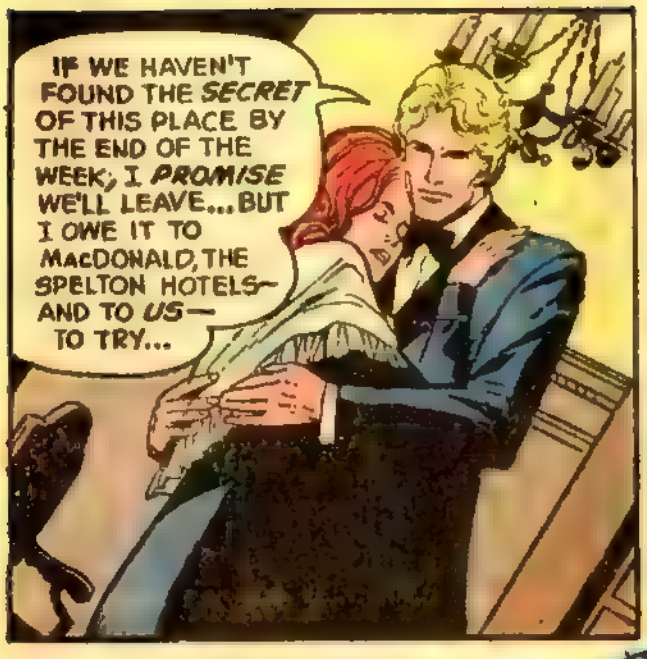
WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE HOUSE NOW... WILL YOU JOIN US?

I PREFER THAT YOU DROP ME AT THE CROSSROAD! I'LL *WALK* HOME FROM THERE!

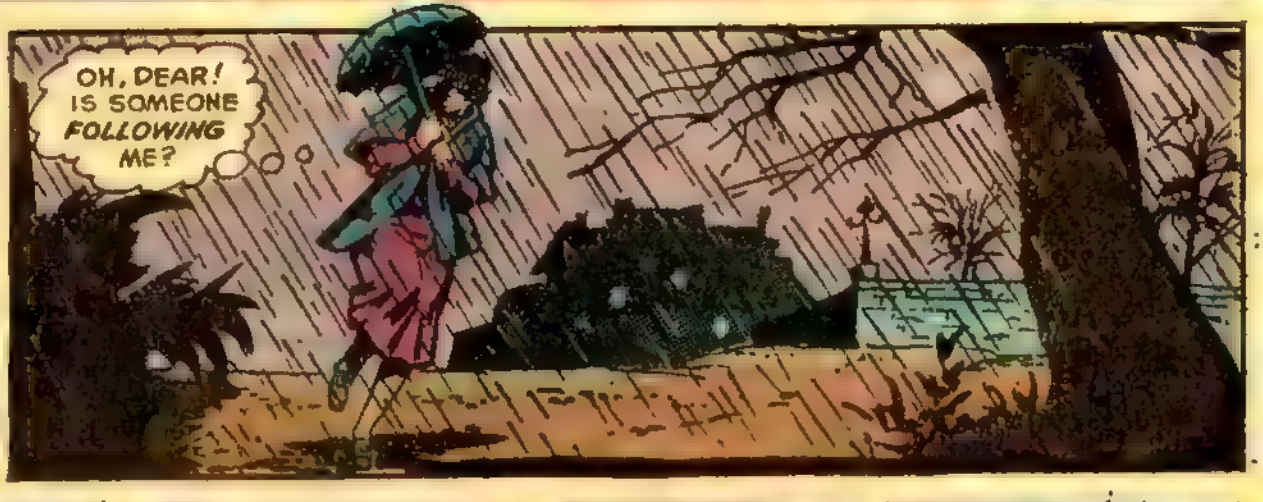
THE PERSISTENT DRIZZLE, THE CHILL THAT PERMEATED THE DANK STONE WALLS OF *COBURN MANOR*, MADE THE HOUSE SEEM EVEN MORE ALIEN AND THREATENING AFTER THE VICAR'S BURIAL...

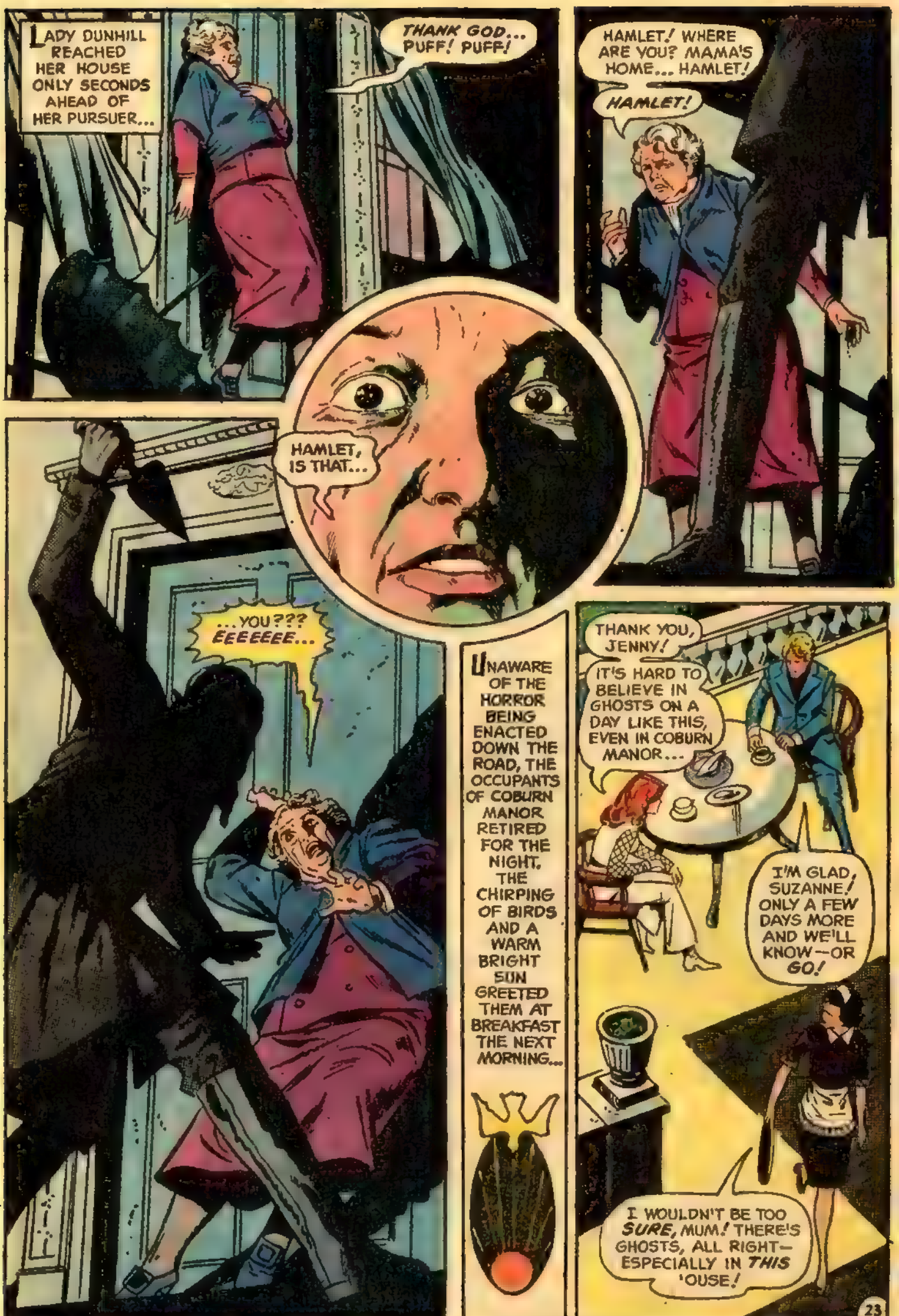
THERE... ISN'T THAT BETTER?

BRIAN, I *HATE* THIS HOUSE! SUDDENLY IT'S LIKE SOME SLIMY MONSTER WAITING TO *DEVOUR* US...


IF WE HAVEN'T FOUND THE *SECRET* OF THIS PLACE BY THE END OF THE WEEK, I *PROMISE* WE'LL LEAVE... BUT I OWE IT TO MacDONALD, THE SPELTON HOTELS— AND TO *US*— TO TRY...

MEANWHILE, LADY DUNHILL TRUDGED HOMEWARD IN THE RAIN. A FEELING OF UNEASINESS OVERCAME HER...




LADY DUNHILL REACHED HER HOUSE ONLY SECONDS AHEAD OF HER PURSUER...
THANK GOD... PUFF! PUFF!
HAMLET! WHERE ARE YOU? MAMA'S HOME... HAMLET!
HAMLET!
HAMLET, IS THAT...
...YOU??? EEEEEEE...
UNAWARE OF THE HORROR BEING ENACTED DOWN THE ROAD, THE OCCUPANTS OF COBURN MANOR RETIRED FOR THE NIGHT. THE CHIRPING OF BIRDS AND A WARM BRIGHT SUN GREETED THEM AT BREAKFAST THE NEXT MORNING...
THANK YOU, JENNY!
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE IN GHOSTS ON A DAY LIKE THIS, EVEN IN COBURN MANOR...
I'M GLAD, SUZANNE! ONLY A FEW DAYS MORE AND WE'LL KNOW--OR GO!
I WOULDN'T BE TOO SURE, MUM! THERE'S GHOSTS, ALL RIGHT--ESPECIALLY IN THIS 'OUSE!
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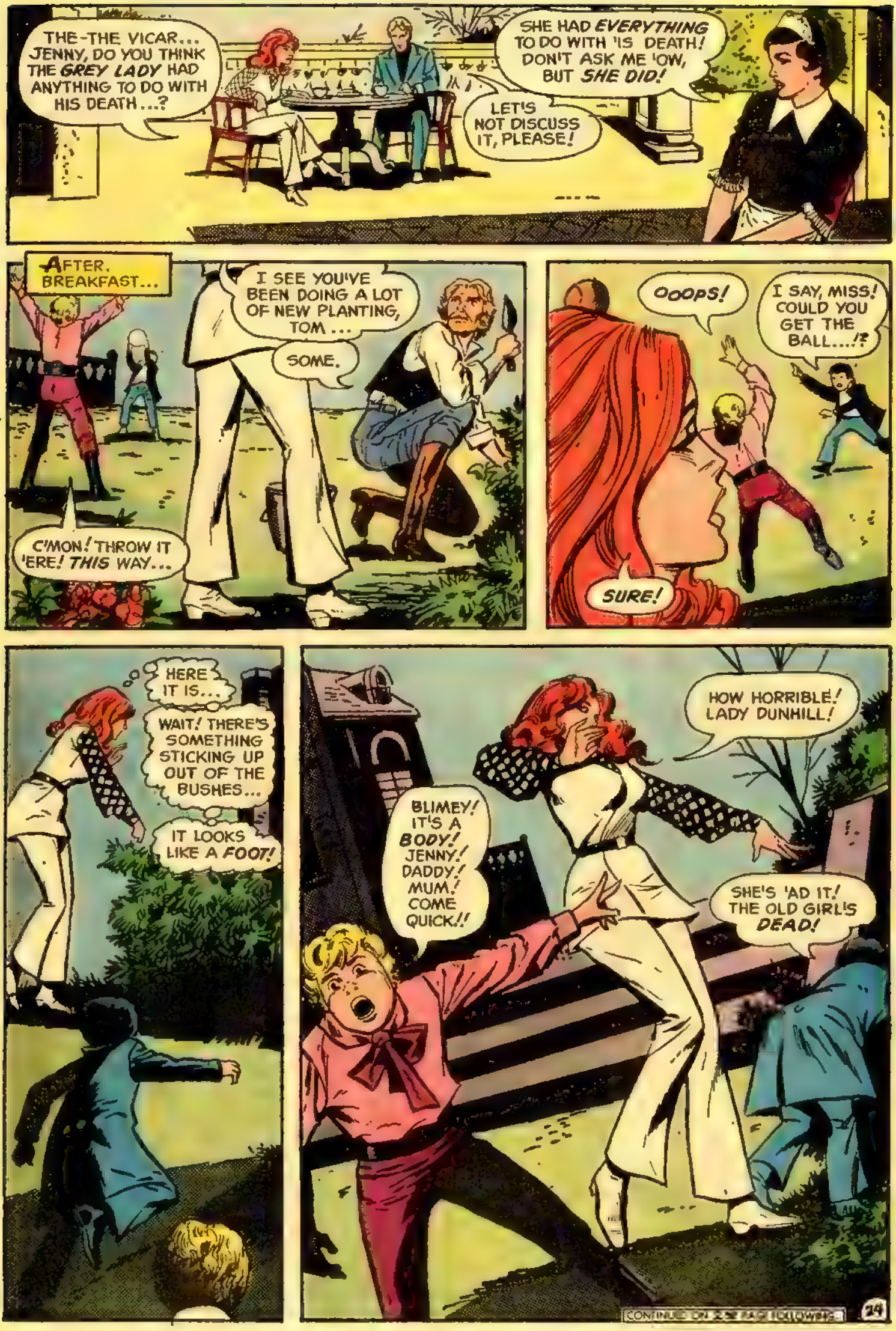
THE-THE VICAR... JENNY, DO YOU THINK THE GREY LADY HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIS DEATH...?
LET'S NOT DISCUSS IT, PLEASE!
SHE HAD EVERYTHING TO DO WITH 'IS DEATH! DON'T ASK ME 'OW, BUT SHE DID!
AFTER BREAKFAST...
I SEE YOU'VE BEEN DOING A LOT OF NEW PLANTING, TOM...
SOME.
C'MON! THROW IT 'ERE! THIS WAY...
OOOPS!
I SAY, MISS! COULD YOU GET THE BALL...!?
SURE!
HERE IT IS...
WAIT! THERE'S SOMETHING STICKING UP OUT OF THE BUSHES...
IT LOOKS LIKE A FOOT!
BLIMEY! IT'S A BODY! JENNY! DADDY! MUM! COME QUICK!!
HOW HORRIBLE! LADY DUNHILL!
SHE'S 'AD IT! THE OLD GIRL'S DEAD!
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BRIAN? IT WAS THE GREY LADY... IT *HAD* TO BE!

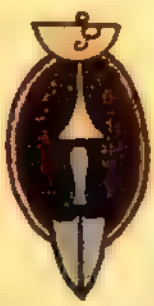
WE DON'T KNOW THAT, SUZANNE! ALL WE DO KNOW IS THAT POOR LADY DUNHILL WAS... MURDERED!

CAN YOU FORGIVE ME, MY DARLING? I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN YOU AWAY *BEFORE* THIS! I'LL ASK THE INSPECTOR...

NO, BRIAN! I WANT TO BE WITH YOU! IF THE GREY LADY IS DETERMINED TO DESTROY US, LET HER TAKE US *TOGETHER!*

MY SUZANNE!

THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE INSPECTOR HELD THE INQUEST— BUT FOR *TWO* DEATHS, INSTEAD OF *ONE*...



THE VICAR'S DEATH REMAINS TO BE *SOLVED*...

BUT *FIRST*, WE HAVE *FOUND* THE WEAPON THAT KILLED LADY DUNHILL, POOR UNFORTUNATE SOUL!

YOU, MR. McEVOY! DOES THIS *TOOL* BELONG TO YOU?

I DUNNO. COULD BE, AND LIKE AS NOT, IT *ISN'T*. THERE'S HUNDREDS JUST LIKE IT...

NOT LIKE *THIS* ONE. THIS HAS *YOUR* FINGERPRINTS ON IT, TOM McEVOY! AND... DRIED BLOOD AND HAIR THAT MATCHES THOSE OF *LADY DUNHILL!*

I DIDN'T HAVE NOTHIN' TO DO WITH IT/ I TEND ME GARDEN... AND I WON'T BE ACCUSED OF SOMETHING I DIDN'T DO! YOU'RE JUST PICKIN' ON ME 'CAUSE I'M A POOR WORKIN' MAN!
ISN'T IT POSSIBLE SOMEONE ELSE COULD HAVE TAKEN IT WITHOUT TOM'S KNOWLEDGE, INSPECTOR?
AH, MR. HUGHES! I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MR. MACDONALD JUST BEFORE HIS DISAPPEARANCE!
I DID! WHAT'S THAT TO DO WITH ANYTHING...?
EVERYTHING HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH EVERYTHING! I ALSO UNDERSTAND YOU HAD WORDS WITH THE LATE LADY DUNHILL SHORTLY BEFORE HER DEATH!
WHO DIDN'T? SHE WAS AN OBNOXIOUS OLD BAG, MAY THE LORD PRESERVE HER SOUL! NO ONE GOT ALONG WITH HER!
I GOT ALONG VERY WELL WITH COUSIN JULIA! IT WAS SHE WHO DIDN'T GET ALONG WITH ME...
VERY AMUSING, LORD WITTLESEY! BUT TRY TO REMEMBER WHAT YOU WERE DOING BEFORE TEA WAS SERVED THE DAY OF THE VICAR'S DEATH!
TEA? OH YES! NOW LET ME SEE ...
...WAS I WORKING ON MY STAMP COLLECTION? OR WAS IT THE BUTTERFLIES? I HAVE A MARVELOUS EXAMPLE OF THE AFRICAN BLUE MONARCH! STILL I FANCY...
LORD WITTLESEY! WILL-YOU-BE-MORE-DEFINITE?!

BUT A SUDDEN INTERRUPTION...
STOP! STOP IT! LEAVE HIM ALONE! STOP PERSECUTING HIM!
LET COBURN MANOR BE AS IT WAS! FOR 100 YEARS NO ONE CAME TO DISTURB OUR PEACE UNTIL NOW... YOU...
NOW YOU CALM DOWN, MR. LIONEL...
TAKE YOUR HOTEL! TAKE YOUR MONEY! JUST GO... GO!
NO ONE WILL GO ANYWHERE, FOR THE MOMENT!
THE INQUEST IS ADJOURNED!
THAT NIGHT...
ISN'T LORD WITTLESEY COMING DOWN TO DINNER TONIGHT?
CAN'T SAY, SIR! A PERSON NEVER KNOWS WITH 'IS LORDSHIP... 'ARF THE TIME, WE DON'T KNOW IF 'E'S ALIVE OR DEAD!
IF JENNIE HAD BUT KNOWN- FOR UP IN HIS LORDSHIP'S ROOM...
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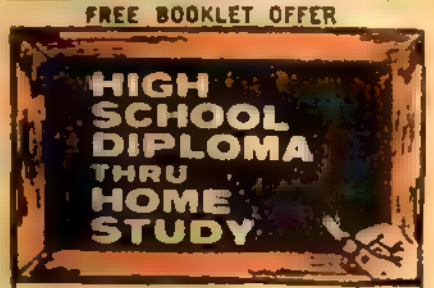

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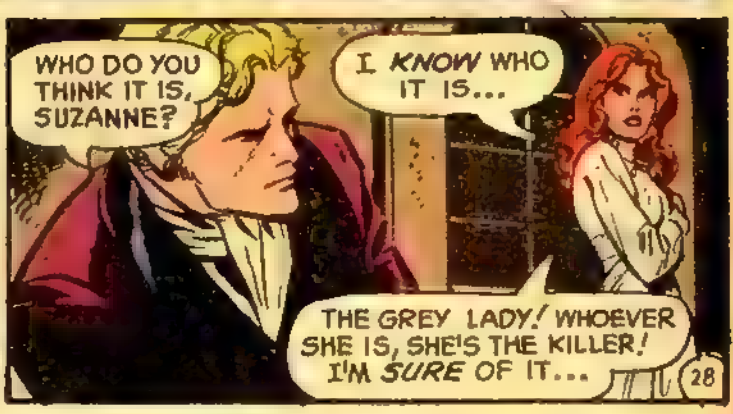
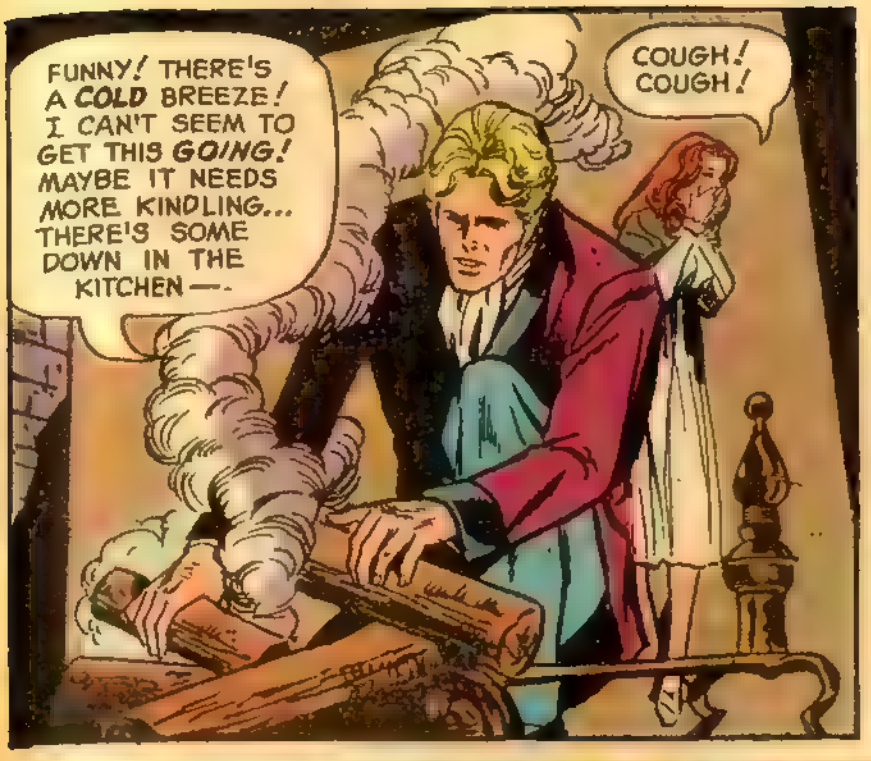
THE DOCTOR WAS HASTILY SUMMONED...
A STROKE! WILL HE RECOVER, DOCTOR?
IT'S HARD TO SAY. HE'S TOTALLY PARALYZED! IT COULD LAST A WEEK... A MONTH... OR IT COULD BE PERMANENT.
POOR LORD WITTLESEY!

NOW WILL YOU GO? I WARN YOU... THIS IS NOT THE END!
YOU DON'T SCARE ME, LIONEL. I'LL LEAVE HERE ONLY WHEN I'VE FINISHED MY WORK!
AND ONLY WHEN I'VE DISCOVERED THE SECRET OF COBURN MANOR!

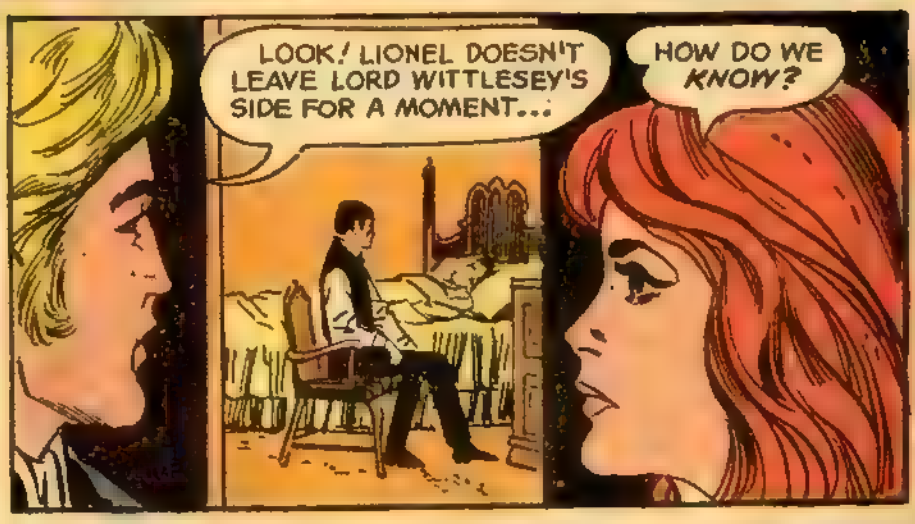
EVERYONE WHO HAD BEEN IN COBURN MANOR WAS UNOFFICIALLY KEPT UNDER HOUSE ARREST. INSPECTOR CHRISTIE ASSIGNED A POLICE GUARD TO THE HOUSES OF EACH OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED. ABSOLUTELY NO ONE COULD LEAVE THE VILLAGE!

WHILE UPSTAIRS IN SUZANNE'S COLD BEDROOM...

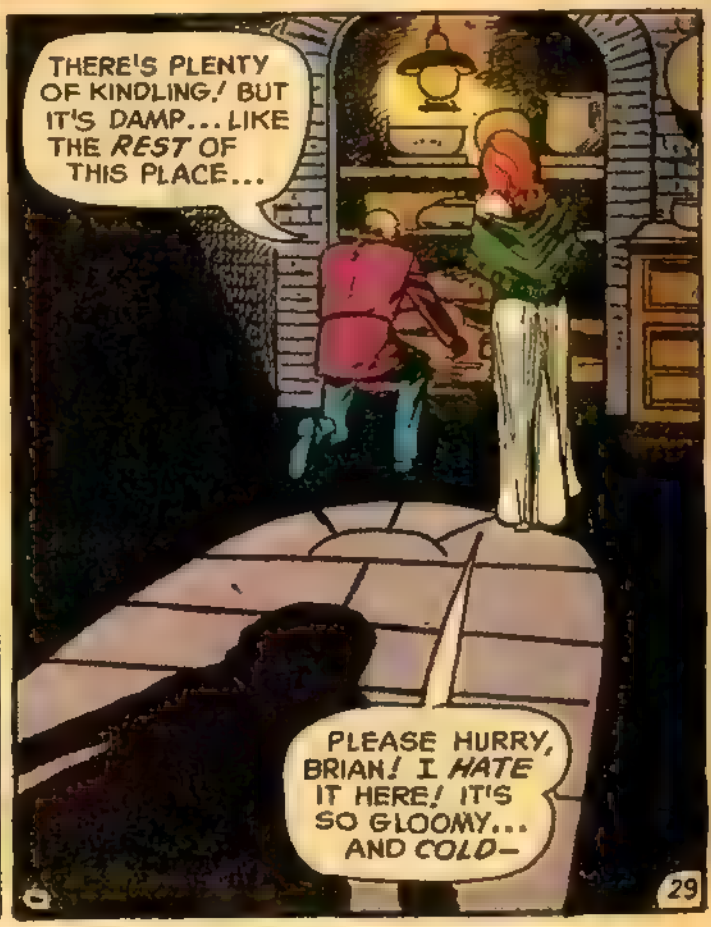


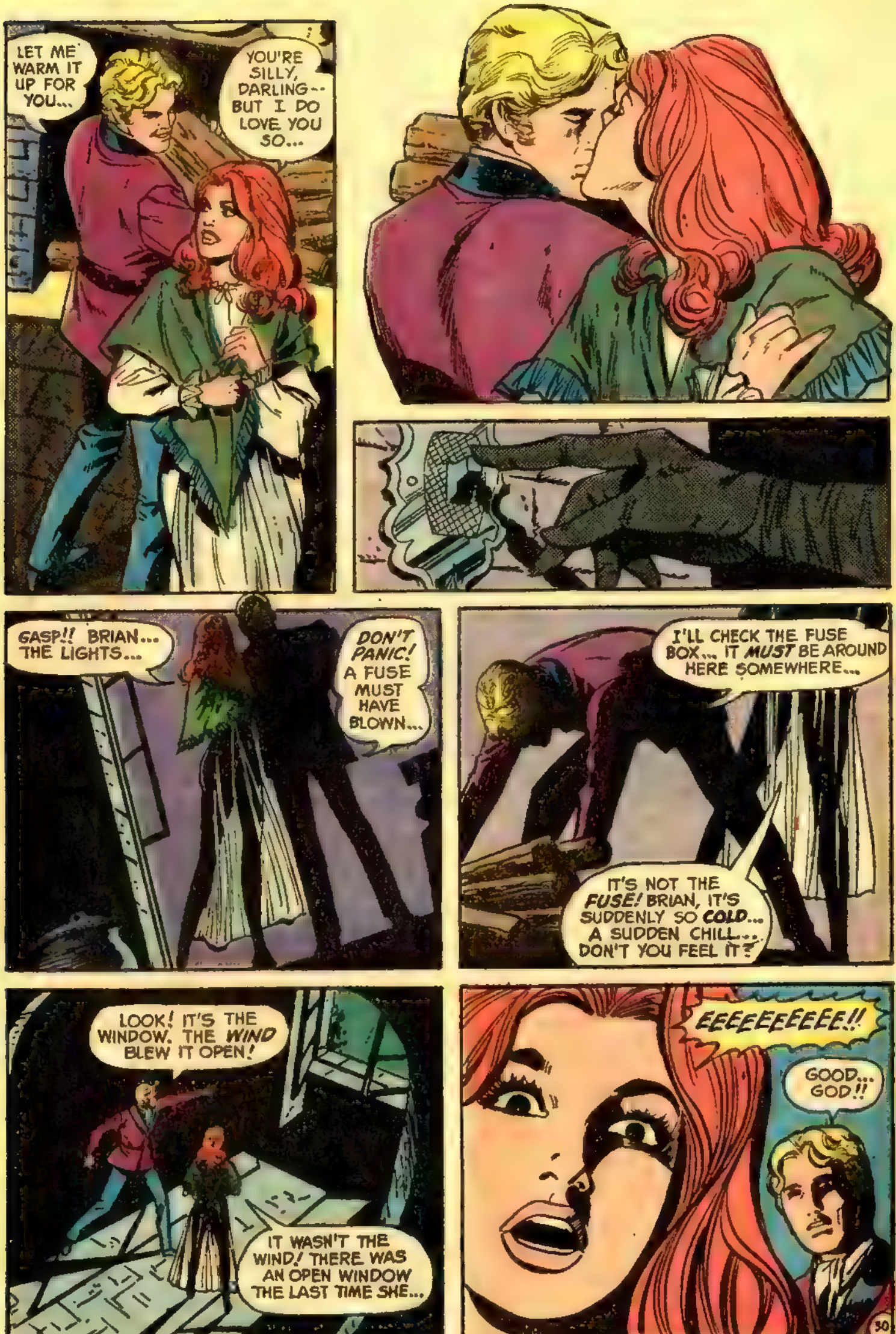

FUNNY! THERE'S A COLD BREEZE! I CAN'T SEEM TO GET THIS GOING! MAYBE IT NEEDS MORE KINDLING... THERE'S SOME DOWN IN THE KITCHEN—
COUGH! COUGH!

THIS IS A SHORTCUT TO THE KITCHEN THAT LIONEL SHOWED ME, IN CASE I WANT A MIDNIGHT SNACK SOMETIME...
WAIT, BRIAN! THESE STAIRS ARE SO STEEP...



IN THE GREAT KITCHEN, LIT ONLY BY ONE NAKED LIGHT BULB, BRIAN SET ABOUT GATHERING KINDLING, UNAWARE OF A *LOOMING SHADOW* NEARBY...




LET ME WARM IT UP FOR YOU...
YOU'RE SILLY, DARLING-- BUT I DO LOVE YOU SO...
GASP!! BRIAN... THE LIGHTS...
DON'T PANIC! A FUSE MUST HAVE BLOWN...
I'LL CHECK THE FUSE BOX... IT MUST BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE...
IT'S NOT THE FUSE! BRIAN, IT'S SUDDENLY SO COLD... A SUDDEN CHILL... DON'T YOU FEEL IT?
LOOK! IT'S THE WINDOW. THE WIND BLEW IT OPEN!
IT WASN'T THE WIND! THERE WAS AN OPEN WINDOW THE LAST TIME SHE...
EEEEEEEEEE!!
GOOD... GOD!!
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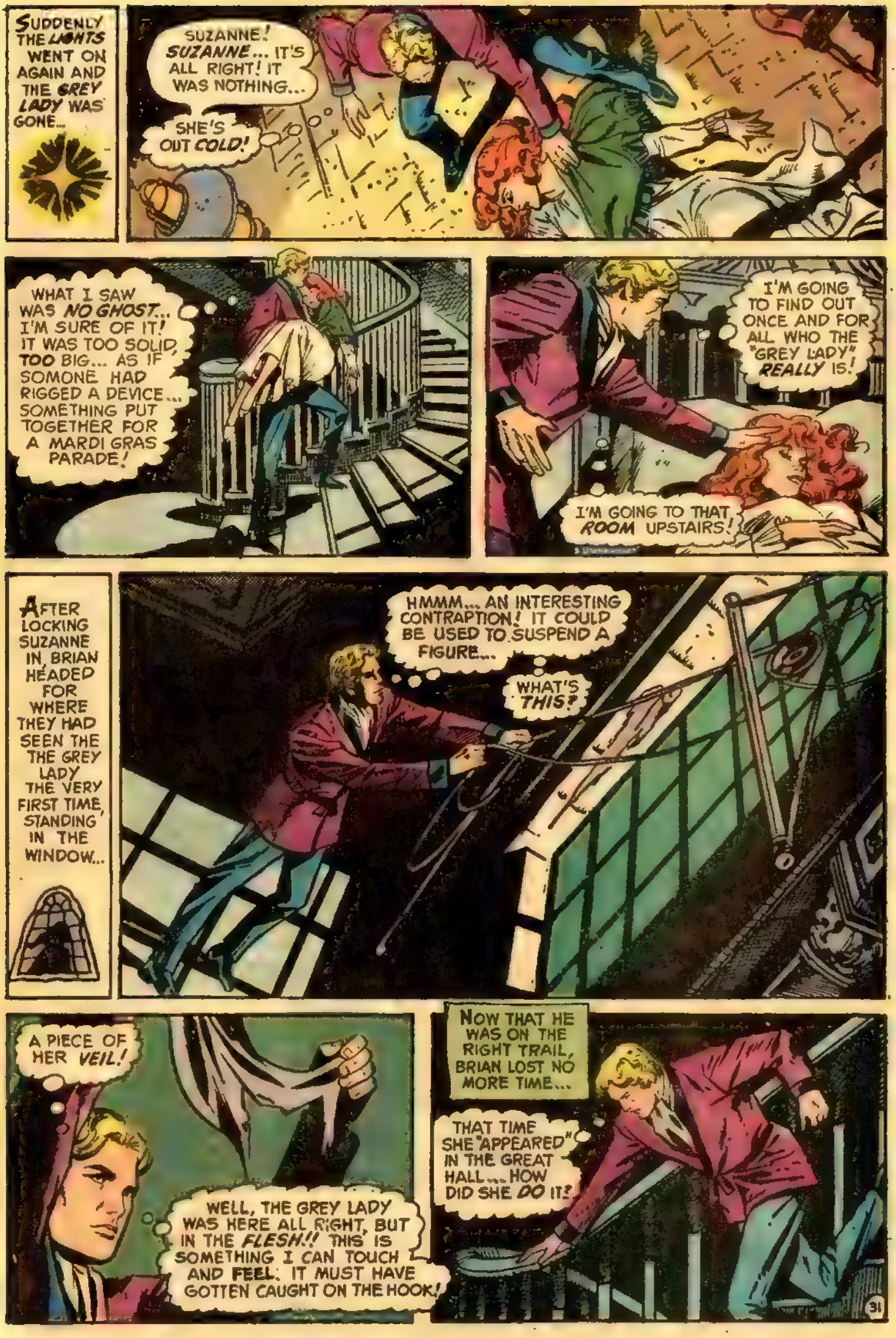
SUDDENLY THE LIGHTS WENT ON AGAIN AND THE GREY LADY WAS GONE...
SUZANNE! SUZANNE... IT'S ALL RIGHT! IT WAS NOTHING...
SHE'S OUT COLD!
WHAT I SAW WAS NO GHOST... I'M SURE OF IT! IT WAS TOO SOLID, TOO BIG... AS IF SOMONE HAD RIGGED A DEVICE... SOMETHING PUT TOGETHER FOR A MARDI GRAS PARADE!
I'M GOING TO FIND OUT ONCE AND FOR ALL WHO THE "GREY LADY" REALLY IS!
I'M GOING TO THAT ROOM UPSTAIRS!
AFTER LOCKING SUZANNE IN, BRIAN HEADED FOR WHERE THEY HAD SEEN THE THE GREY LADY THE VERY FIRST TIME, STANDING IN THE WINDOW...
HMMM... AN INTERESTING CONTRAPTION! IT COULD BE USED TO SUSPEND A FIGURE...
WHAT'S THIS?
A PIECE OF HER VEIL!
WELL, THE GREY LADY WAS HERE ALL RIGHT, BUT IN THE FLESH!! THIS IS SOMETHING I CAN TOUCH AND FEEL. IT MUST HAVE GOTTEN CAUGHT ON THE HOOK!
NOW THAT HE WAS ON THE RIGHT TRAIL, BRIAN LOST NO MORE TIME...
THAT TIME SHE "APPEARED" IN THE GREAT HALL... HOW DID SHE DO IT?
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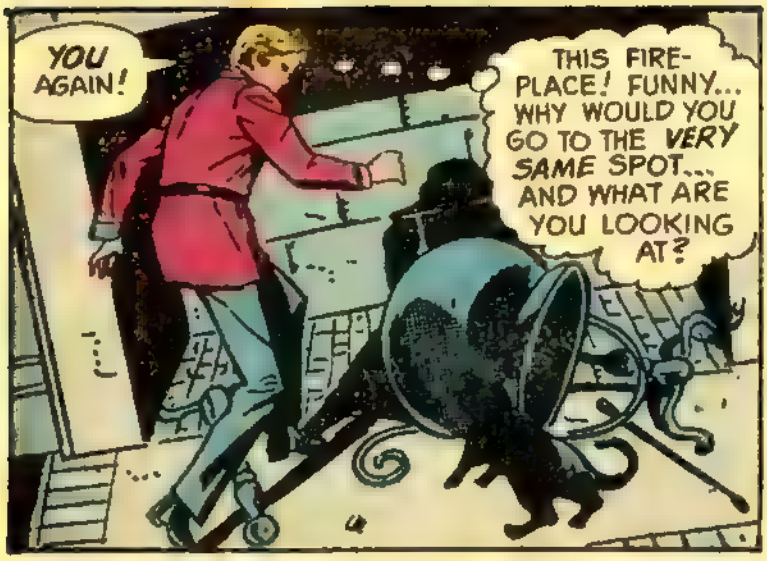
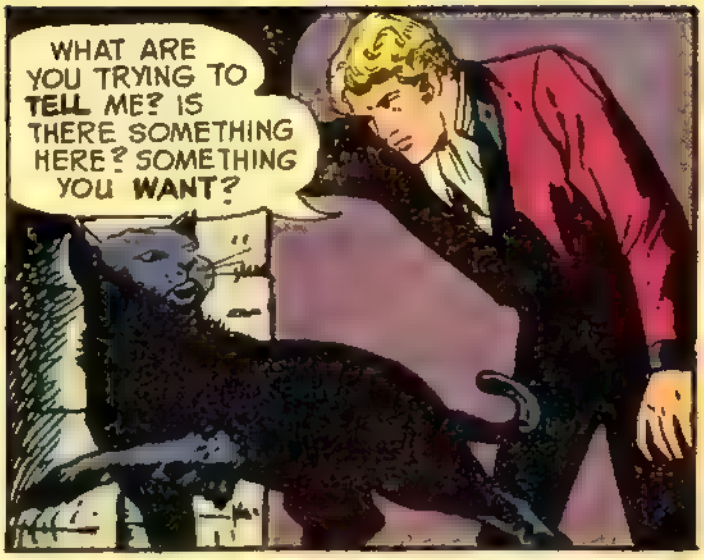
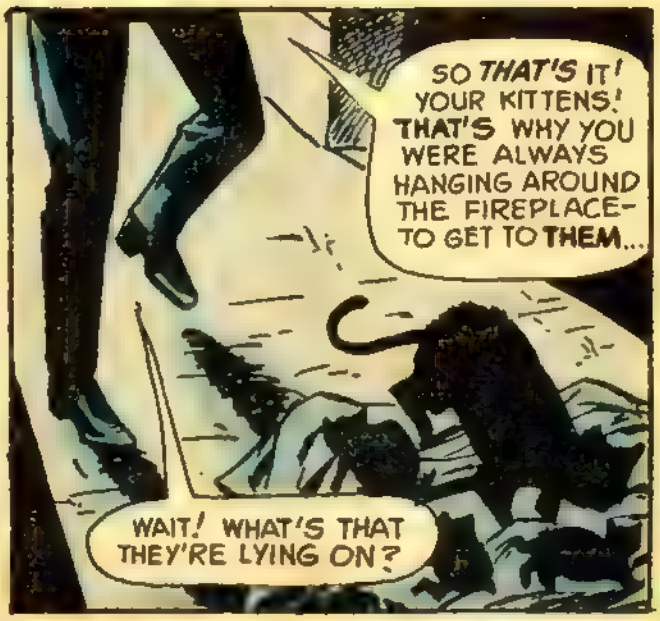
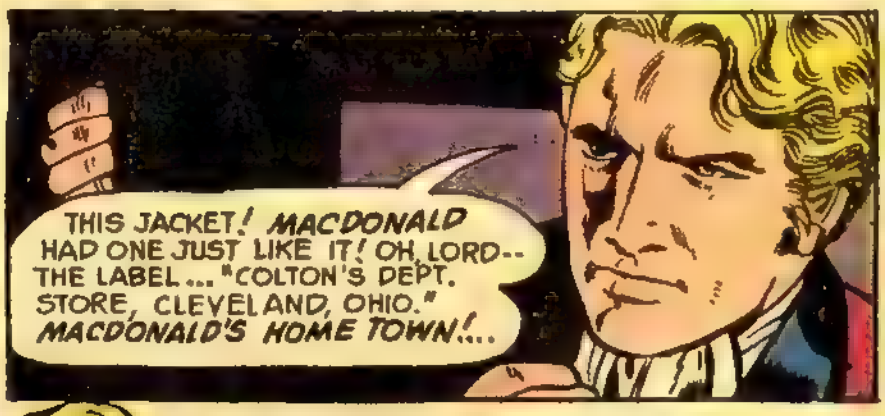

YOU AGAIN!
THIS FIRE-PLACE! FUNNY... WHY WOULD YOU GO TO THE VERY SAME SPOT... AND WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?


WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME? IS THERE SOMETHING HERE? SOMETHING YOU WANT?

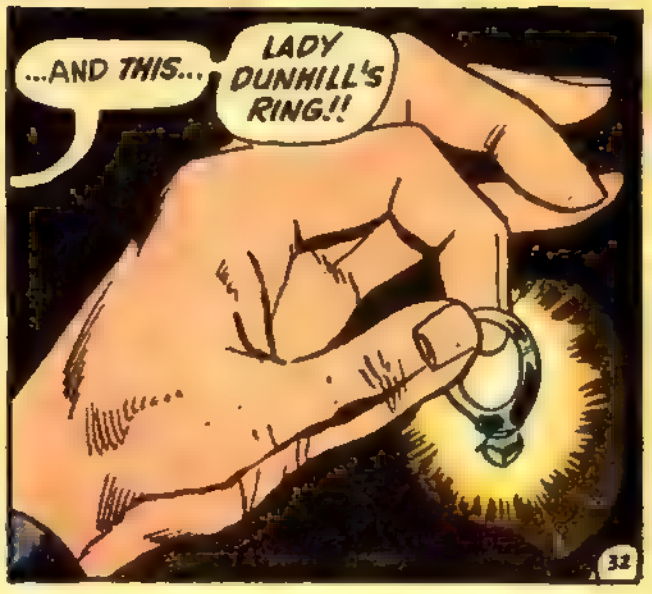
BRIAN CAREFULLY FELT THE HEAVY STONE SURFACE OF THE BACK WALL OF THE FIREPLACE... AND SUDDENLY...
A SECRET ROOM!
MEEOWR!

CAUTIOUSLY, BRIAN ENTERED THE MYSTERIOUS DARK CHAMBER, MUSTY AND DAMP... ICY COLD AS A TOMB!


SO THAT'S IT! YOUR KITTENS! THAT'S WHY YOU WERE ALWAYS HANGING AROUND THE FIREPLACE- TO GET TO THEM...
WAIT! WHAT'S THAT THEY'RE LYING ON?


THIS JACKET! MACDONALD HAD ONE JUST LIKE IT! OH, LORD-- THE LABEL... "COLTON'S DEPT. STORE, CLEVELAND, OHIO." MACDONALD'S HOME TOWN!...

THIS... THIS WATCH AND TIE PIN... THEY WERE MACDONALD'S TOO! THE POOR GUY!


...AND THIS...
LADY DUNHILL'S RING!!

THE GREY LADY! SOME GREY CLOTH AND... A PAIR OF STILTS. SO *THAT'S* HOW SHE GOT TO BE TEN FEET TALL!
BUT **WHO** STOOD ON THESE STILTS? WHO WAS IN SUCH A HURRY THAT THE VEIL GOT RIPPED?

...AND THE SECRET DOOR SWUNG CLOSED, TRAPPING BRIAN IN THE DARK CHAMBER...

WHILE BRIAN FACED IMPRISONMENT IN THE SECRET ROOM, SUZANNE LAY UNCONSCIOUS ...ON HER BED...

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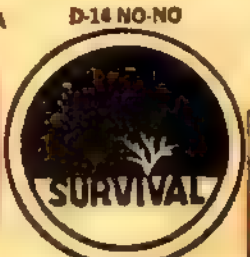

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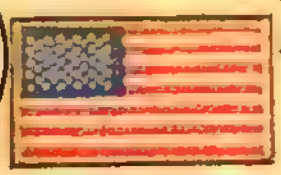

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DOWNSTAIRS, BRIAN LIT MATCH AFTER PRECIOUS MATCH, SEEKING A WAY OUT OF THE HIDDEN ROOM...
I'M RUNNING OUT OF MATCHES! THIS IS THE LAST OF THEM!
WHEN ALL THE MATCHES WERE GONE, BRIAN WAS LEFT IN UTTER DARKNESS..! AND THEN, ONLY THEN, DID HE SEE A SLIVER OF LIGHT IN THE BACK OF THE LITTLE ROOM...
THAT LIGHT! WHERE IS IT COMING FROM? I'LL TRY THE BACK WALL!
THE WALL YIELDED TO PRESSURE, IT WAS THE BACK EXIT LEADING TO THE CORRIDOR OUTSIDE THE GREAT HALL...
I MUST GET TO SUZANNE..!
MEANWHILE, UPSTAIRS...
EEEEEEEE!
UFFF!
BRIAN! THANK GOD!
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A FURIOUS BATTLE RAGED AS BRIAN TRIED TO SUBDUE THE INTRUDER, WHO FOUGHT WITH THE STRENGTH OF A *MADMAN*...

IT... CAN'T... BE! BUT IT'S... IT'S...

YOU *BLASTED SCOUNDREL!*

IT'S WITTLESEY!

SUZANNE! CALL... THE... *POLICE!*

QUICKLY, WITH THE HELP OF LIONEL, BRIAN OVERCAME LORD WITTLESEY AND LED HIM DOWN TO THE *LIBRARY*, WHERE THE BRITISH POLICE TOOK OVER...

WITH THE STILT POLES AND THESE CLOTHES HE DRESSED UP AS THE GREY LADY... THE "STROKE" WAS DRUG-INDUCED, TO GET US OFF THE TRACK!

A *DRUG!* SO THAT'S HOW HE MANAGED IT! BUT WHY? *WHY?*

I'LL TELL YOU WHY...

I AM THE *LORD* OF COBURN MANOR! YOU BLOODY AMERICAN SWINE THOUGHT YOUR MONEY COULD BUY YOU INTO 700 YEARS OF ENGLISH NOBILITY! *BAH!*

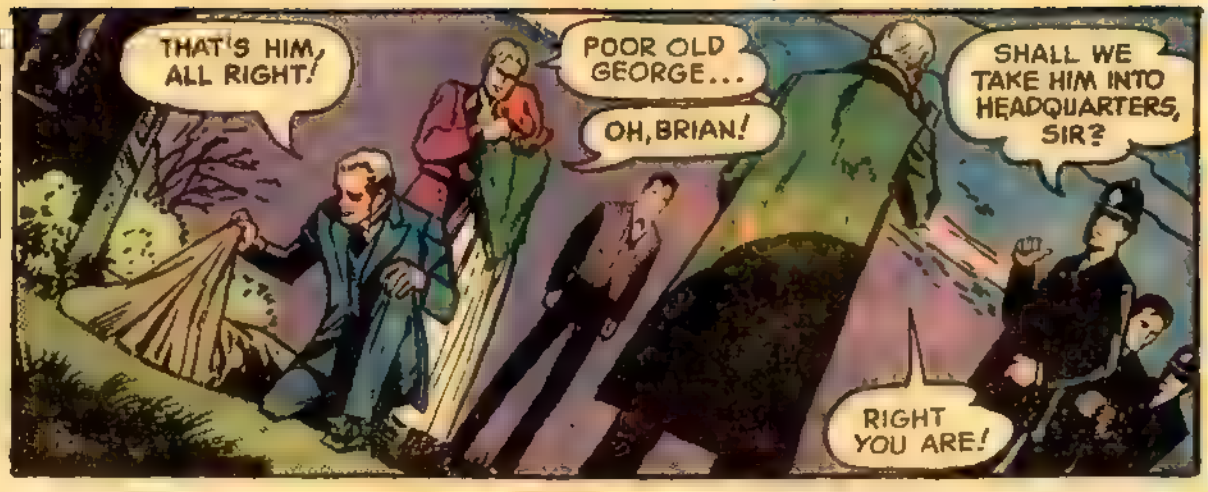
I TOOK CARE OF GEORGE MACDONALD! I DIDN'T WANT TO KILL THE VICAR AND LADY DUNHILL, BUT THEY *MEDDLED*...

LIONEL! YOU SEE HOW IT WAS, DON'T YOU? *YOU* LOVE COBURN MANOR TOO! YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU?

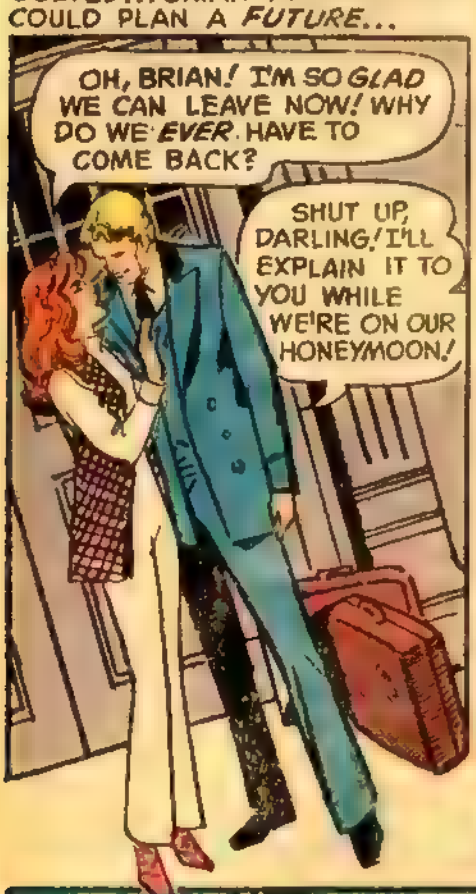
MEOWWR!

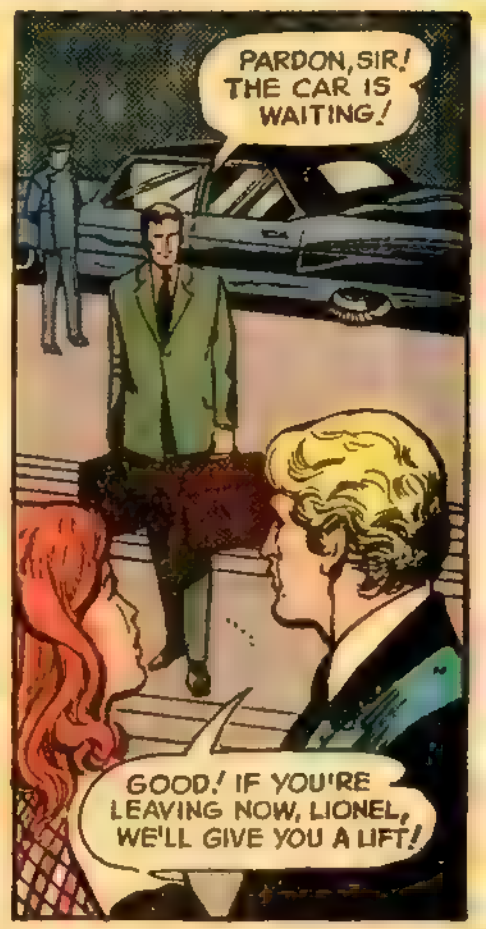
NO, MY LORD! I ONLY UNDERSTAND THAT THE MAN I SERVED FAITHFULLY ALL THESE YEARS IS A MONSTROUS... *MURDERER!*

THE INVESTIGATION LED THE GROUP TO THE GRAPE ARBOR OUTSIDE—WHERE, ONLY A FEW YARDS FROM WHERE LADY DUNHILL HAD BEEN FOUND...



AND SO, WITH THE MURDERS SOLVED... BRIAN AND SUZANNE COULD PLAN A *FUTURE*...


OH, BRIAN! I'M SO GLAD WE CAN LEAVE NOW! WHY DO WE *EVER* HAVE TO COME BACK?
SHUT UP, DARLING! I'LL EXPLAIN IT TO YOU WHILE WE'RE ON OUR HONEYMOON!



WITHIN SECONDS THE TRIO WAS COMFORTABLY SPEEDING DOWN THE DRIVEWAY...
THEN YOU'LL BE WANTING ME BACK IN THREE WEEKS, SIR?
YES, INDEED, LIONEL! SINCE THERE IS NO GREY LADY, WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET RIGHT TO WORK WITH THE BUILDING PLANS!

THE CAR SPED AWAY INTO THE NIGHT. AND SO, THE 700 YEAR-OLD LEGEND OF THE GREY LADY OF COBURN MANOR AT LAST WAS OVER...

TO THE READERS:

In our last issue, we asked for letters from those of you who have had an unusual ESP (extra-sensory perception) experience. It is amazing how many people have had even small—but none the less real—contact with the unknown! Most of the letters here deal with revelations brought about in dreams. This is the usual way in which one has contact with the phenomenon of foresight.

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Dear Editor:

Every so often when I'm sleeping, I have a weird dream. The unusual thing is that about a month later, the dream comes true. My brother says I'm imagining this, but *I* think it's true. For instance, one night, I had a dream that my great aunt, aged 80, whom I liked very much, died in an accident, but I didn't remember how. Anyway, she died of a heart attack, almost two weeks after that. Then, I dreamt that a strange man took the adorable cat next door, and said I would never see him again. The next day, they found the cat dead on the doorstep. My nightmares are frightening to me. Are these just strange coincidences? What do you think?

Yours truly,
Roberta Remsem, Toronto, Can.

Dear Roberta:

Without knowing more details, it is hard to tell how extra-sensory your dreams are. Perhaps your great aunt had been ill and you were so worried, it appeared in your dream. The cat incident is more valid. Pinpointing true experiences is difficult, but I would say that whether or not your dreams are predictions, you seem to have some degree of sensitivity.

The Editor

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Dear Editor:

Your magazine is great—really interesting! I had an unusual experience a number of years ago. I have always been afraid of the wind, since our trailer was overturned by a tornado. One night, after my husband and I had retired, I heard the wind blowing, and felt the trailer shaking. My husband said I was imagining it. I looked outside, and there was no wind. I knew something was going to happen. My step-father died of a heart attack the next morning. I'm sure that there was a warning the night before.

Mrs. G.L., Cranford, Mo.

Dear Mrs. G.L.:

It is possible that the sound of the wind was trying to tell you something. The psychic Carl Freeman always heard what he called, "the roaring of a great and angry wind, which speaks to me in its own strange language," just before he went into a trance.

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Dear Editor:

I am twenty-two, female and a secretary. About a year ago, a family with a twelve-year-old girl moved into the other half of the two-family house where I live. We began to have trouble with our poltergeist around that time. This ghostie didn't throw things, or move furniture. It would wait until I fell asleep, and then start kicking my bed. Well, I told my friends about this, and they all thought I was making it up. However, as various people would spend the night with me, they learned that the bed-kicking spirit really existed. Parapsychologists have said that poltergeists and adolescent children definitely *are* related in some way. The little girl in question next door was a bad-tempered child. She and her parents lived next door for three months, during which time the bed-thumping got so vigorous, I had to sleep in the living room. Then suddenly, they moved away, and from that point on, the ghostie was quiet. What do you think?

P. Stafford
Queens, New York

Dear Miss Stafford:

It sounds as though you really had a poltergeist! Too bad you didn't have it researched at the time . . . it's too late for that now. Thanks for writing.

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Dear Miss Woolfolk:

I was a bit apprehensive about buying THE DARK MANSION OF FORBIDDEN LOVE. When I read through it the first time, I thought my worst fears were confirmed. It seemed like a cliche-ridden facsimile of an old horror movie—(except for the fact that the butler didn't do it). I was constantly uncertain about the plot, ("Oh, Michael, I'm so confused").

However, fear not! Upon careful re-examination I found that the "Mystery of the Missing Bride" was different. Tony di Zuniga's art created the perfect mysterious mood, which was essential to the story. What I thought was confusion, was really the mystery itself. I realized that, in a mystery, it is important that the plot NOT be obvious, thus keeping the reader on edge. Then, surprise him with a shocking revelation ("I am John Langfrey!").

Well, congratulations on the first issue, and good luck.

Paul Dempse

Dear Paul:

Thanks for giving the book a second look. We'd be interested in hearing how you feel about issues two and three.

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Dear Editor:

When I was sixteen, my family went to a small town in Florida, where we used to spend the summer. We had gone there every year that I could remember, and always stayed in the same cottage. Living next door to us was a retired couple in their early sixties. Mrs. Lewis was a very sick woman. I was quite fond of them, especially Mr. Lewis, who was a retired biology teacher. I used to go with him sometimes, when he collected specimens of bugs. As I say, I had known him for years and there was no reason for me to be afraid of him in any way.

One day we were at the side of his house watching some sort of construction a beetle was making. Suddenly Mr. Lewis stood up and stiffened and it was as though a photograph of something appeared on his face. I was horribly frightened, because he looked like an evil animal! Without speaking to me, he turned and walked to the front of his house and entered.

I ran home, shaking, and tried to tell my mother what had happened, but she brushed it off as my imagination. Two days later, a delivery boy found Mr. Lewis and his wife. He had shot his invalid wife and then himself! The coroner said that before he did it, a blood vessel had burst in Mr. Lewis' brain. I have read a lot about ESP and the like, and the only conclusion that I have come up with is, that I had seen some kind of change come over him and my mind translated it into the face of an animal.

Hope you find this experience interesting. Sincerely,

Elizabeth Cramer
Newnan, Georgia

Dear Elizabeth:

Thank you for relating your interesting, if somewhat macabre tale. It seems to be one of those incidents when a curtain opens up for a moment to show something rarely seen in the conscious world.

The Editor

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Dear Miss Woolfolk:

DARK MANSION is part of a dream come true. I've always wanted to see a forty-or-so page comic with one long story each issue . . . The story and art were very well handled, and everything meshed. Tony di Zuniga is one of the finest new artists to hit comics since Neal Adams. And, I like the Infantino-ish" caption blocks. Definitely do not have more than one story per issue. You might even try a two-parter. What you are doing is unique, and I thank you and National for taking the plunge (which is what all innovation is until it succeeds).

John D. Warner
Santa Cruz, Calif.

We've come to the end of this column, and once again are asking you to write in your views, good and bad. Remember, we are especially interested in hearing of any ESP experiences, dreams or actual happenings that cannot be explained by practical, everyday logic. Look for the next issue of THE DARK MANSION OF FORBIDDEN LOVE, you'll be amazed!

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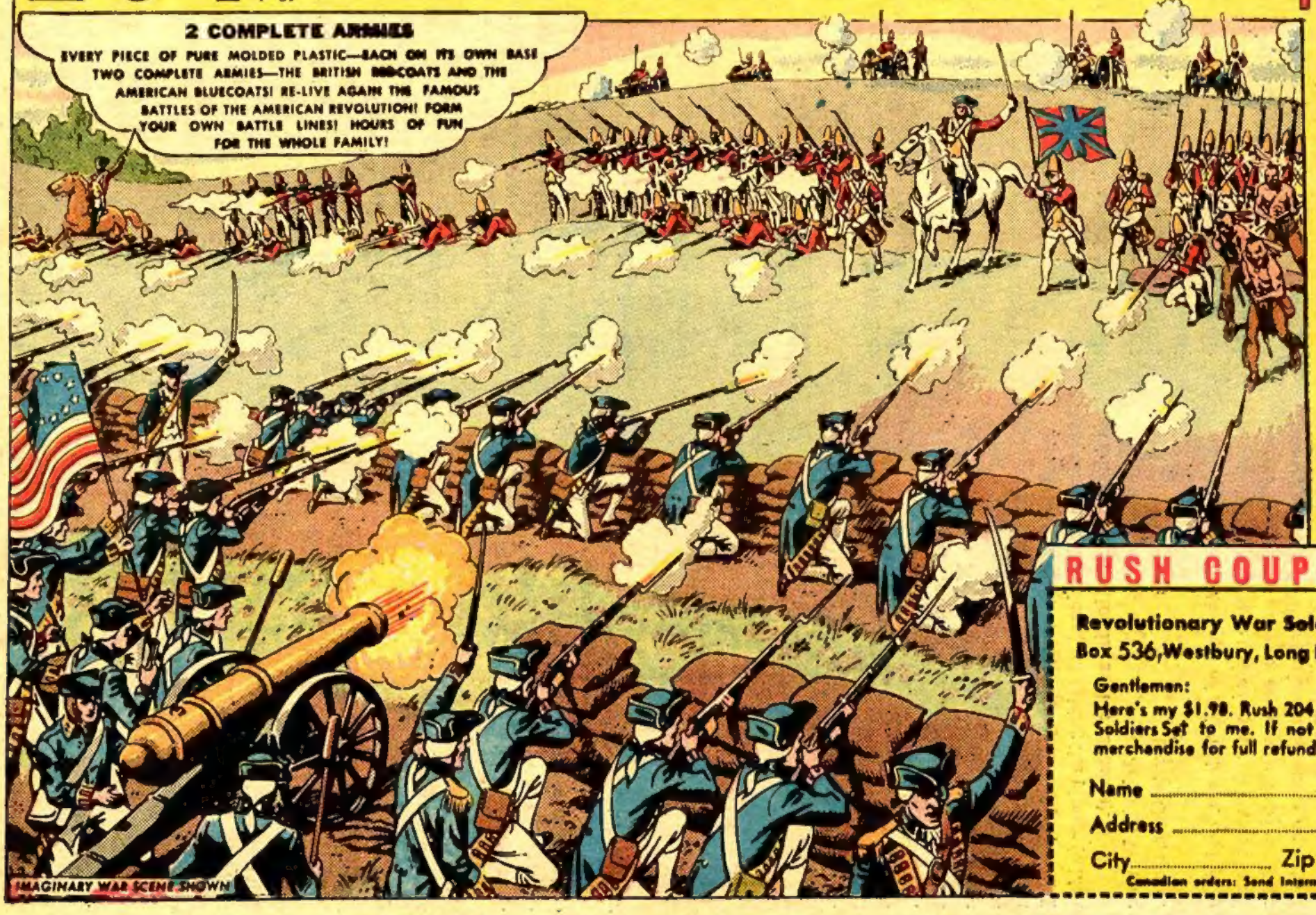

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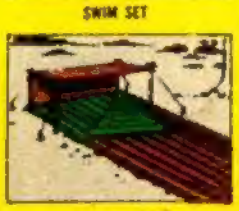
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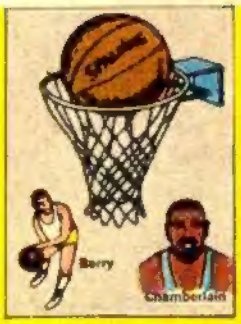

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